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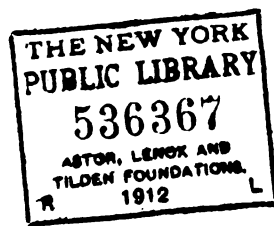
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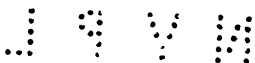


Gulick, of this city, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. Mrs. Voss is a Denison girl, educated in our schools and in Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa. She is one of the most representative and best beloved of Denison's young matrons. She takes an active and helpful part in all the work of club life and social life and church life, but she combines with all of these activities a wifely and motherly devotion which make her home all that it should be, a delightful center for her loved ones and her friends. They have one son, Eugene Loyal, who is at once the pride and the hope of the home.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Voss was born in Freeport, October 19, 1867, one of the eight children of Henry and Catharine (Maurer) Voss. The family name is indicative of the German origin, and while comparatively little is known concerning the ancestral record, the paternal grandfather lived and died in Germany. His son, Henry Voss, was born in Holstein, Germany, and in his native land engaged in merchandising. When a young man, however, he came to America and traveled into the interior of the country as far as Freeport, Illinois. In 1861, following the outbreak of the Civil war, he espoused the Union cause and served for three years and nine months, being promoted to official rank. He was wounded at Raleigh and at the close of a long and valorous service received an honorable discharge. After the war he returned to Freeport, where he engaged in merchandising. He married Catharine Maurer, who was born in Alsace, Germany, and was a daughter of Daniel and Catharine Maurer, who, emigrating to the new world, settled in Freeport, Illinois, where they lived for many years, the father passing away at the age of eighty-two and the mother when seventy years of age. Their family numbered a son and three daughters: Catharine, Jacob, Lucy and Carolina. Of these the first named became the wife of Henry Voss and is now living in Freeport, Illinois, at the age of sixty-eight years. Mr. Voss, however, passed away in January, 1908, at the age of seventy-one years. Both were members of the Lutheran church. In their family were three sons and five daughters: Charles L.; Lucy, a resident of Freeport, Illinois; Josephine, the wife of Frank Miller, of Norway, Iowa; Emma, Matilda, Jacob, Kathryn and Daniel, all of Freeport.

Charles L. Voss was only a year old when brought to Iowa by his parents, who settled at Cedar Rapids but later removed to Blainstown, from which point they afterward returned to Freeport. He grew to manhood at Blainstown and attended the public schools there. He also was a student of the school at Blainstown and subsequently attended Coe College at Cedar Rapids. His initial business training came to him in a clerical position in a bank but after a short time he was made bill clerk by Shaver & Dows, at Cedar Rapids. Later he was connected with the bank of G. F. Van Vechten, of Cedar Rapids, and subsequently returned to Blainstown and was in the Benton County State Bank for several years. In 1889 he removed to Denison and was abstractor and bookkeeper for the Bank of Denison until 1896, when he was promoted to the position of cashier, in which capacity he is still serving.

Mr. Voss is a member of several fraternal organizations. He has attained high rank in Masonry, belonging to Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M.; Ark Chapter, No. 89, R. A. M.; Mount Zion Commandery, K. T.; Des Moines Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Abu Bekr Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic



Shrine. He also holds membership in Dowdall Lodge, No. 90, K. P., and with the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star. In all the relations of life he has proven himself a man of genuine worth and straightforward purposes and his progress in business has been the direct result of energy, intelligently directed.

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#### A. C. WEEKS.

A. C. Weeks, serving as city marshal of Denison, was born in Cedar county, Iowa, on the 12th of April, 1852, his parents being L. A. and Elizabeth (Rigby) Weeks, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. The mother passed away in Cedar county on the 13th of April, 1861, and the father, who was married a second time, removed to Kansas in 1872, his demise occurring in the Sunflower state in 1897. By his first wife L. A. Weeks had four children, as follows: A. C., of this review; Leroy T., who is a resident of Sabula, Iowa; Alice M., the wife of S. E. Day, of Sabula, Iowa; and O. W., who makes his home in Vancouver, Washington. Unto Mr. Weeks and his second wife were born two children, namely: Clifford, a resident of Kansas; and Sylvia, the wife of Zene Smith, of Salem, Oregon.

A. C. Weeks acquired his education in the common schools and when a youth of sixteen began working as a farm hand in his native county, being thus employed until 1872. He then followed the range for a short time and after returning to Cedar county operated a rented farm until 1879. In that year he came to Crawford county, locating at Denison, where he was successfully engaged in the dray business for about fourteen years. In 1894 he was elected city marshal, holding the office for two years. In 1907 he was again made city marshal, his re-election being an indication of the confidence of the public in him and a recognition of his ability. He has served in that position continuously since, ably discharging the important duties devolving upon him. His home, which he owns, is a commodious and attractive residence at No. 214 Washington avenue.

On the 13th of April, 1875, Mr. Weeks was united in marriage to Miss Elmira Elizabeth Kalb, whose birth occurred in Cedar county in 1853, her parents being George and Dorcas Kalb, both natives of Ohio. They took up their abode in Cedar county, Iowa, in 1853, while the year 1879 witnessed their arrival in Crawford county. Mr. Kalb now makes his home in Oklahoma but his wife was called to her final rest in 1900. They had a family of nine children. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four children, the record of whom is as follows. Hattie A., whose birth occurred in Linn county, Iowa, on the 31st of August, 1876, is the wife of Ray D. Garrison, of Grand Junction, Colorado. G. D., who was born in Cedar county, Iowa, on the 17th of November, 1878, is now a contractor of Springfield, Missouri. Jessie, whose natal day was April 13, 1882, is the wife of Francis J. Gable, who is now engaged in business at Lincoln, Nebraska. Lucas A., is a civil engineer of Monett, Missouri.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Weeks has supported the men and measures of the republican party, being convinced that its principles are most conducive to good government. From 1902 until 1904 he served as a street commissioner. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Weeks also belongs to the Sons of Veterans and to the Red Men. Those who know them entertain for them high regard in recognition of their many good traits of character and their loyalty to principles that are most commendable.

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P. E. C. LALLY.

The life record of P. E. C. Lally is an excellent illustration of what may be accomplished when ambition and determination point the way. He has never feared to venture where favoring opportunity has led the way nor has he failed to use any means whereby he might develop and strengthen his native powers and talents. In this way he has become well qualified as a lawyer and today occupies a prominent position at the Crawford county bar.

He was born in County Mayo, Ireland, June 8, 1856. The genealogy of the Lally family can be traced for five hundred years in Ireland. John Lally, the paternal grandfather, a native of that country, devoted his life to farming but died at an early age, his death resulting from an accident. He had wedded Mary Hester and they had become the parents of nine children, six sons and three daughters, Peter, Thaddeus, John, Patrick, Thomas, Frank, Mary, Ellen and Kitty. All of these children with the exception of Peter, Thaddeus and Thomas came early to America and settled in different parts of the country. One of the sons, John, was killed by a rebel sympathizer at Covington, Kentucky, at the outbreak of the Civil war.

Peter Lally, a member of this family and the father of P. E. C. Lally, was born in Ireland and devoted his life to general farming. He was married in his native country to Nancy Corcoran, whose parents were farming people of County Mayo, Ireland. Mrs. Lally died on the Emerald isle in 1876, when about sixty years of age, and in 1881 Peter Lally crossed the Atlantic to America and made his home with his son Patrick in Vail and later in Denison, Iowa. His death occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-nine years. Both he and his wife were members of the Catholic church. Their family numbered four sons and two daughters: John, who died in Chicago; Sarah, the wife of Henry O'Neill, of County Mayo, Ireland; Michael, a resident of Manchester, England, who was superintendent of the street car system there for twenty years; Patrick E. C., of this review; Frank, who died in New York city; and Mary, who died in infancy.

P. E. C. Lally spent his youthful days upon his father's farm in County Mayo, Ireland, to the age of eighteen years and during that period attended the country schools in the acquirement of his education. He afterward began clerking in Westport, Ireland, and later in Newport. In 1874 he sailed for America, attracted by the tales which he heard concerning opportunities here

offered. He did not bring with him any false ideas, however, that wealth should be had for the asking but realized that diligence and determination are the forces which will swing open the portals of success. For a short time he lived in Chicago and then removed to De Kalb county, Illinois, after which he worked upon a farm and engaged in teaching school. In 1877 he came to Iowa, settling in Greene county, where he was employed at farm labor and on the railroad. He also taught school and with ambition to direct his efforts into professional channels took up the study of law under the direction of Hon. J. J. Russell, who directed his reading until his admission to the bar in 1880. He then located for practice in Vail, where he remained until his removal to Denison in 1887. Here he practiced alone until 1889, when he formed a partnership with Judge Conner, and since that time they have been associates in law practice under the style of Conner & Lally. This is one of the strongest law firms of the city and its position is indicated in the liberal clientage accorded them. Mr. Lally has proved himself a strong and able advocate and safe counselor. He prepares his cases with diligence and care, and in the presentation of his arguments his deductions follow with logical sequence.

On the 1st of September, 1880, Mr. Lally was united in marriage to Miss Kittie Hughes, a daughter of Frank and Margaret (McGrath) Mungon Hughes, of Greene county, Iowa. This marriage has been blessed with eleven children. Margaret E., the eldest, is the wife of Clem M. Mahan, residing on a ranch near Kansas City, Missouri, and they have two children, Catherine Claudine and Addis Clement. Thomas A. E. is practicing law in Spokane, Washington, as a member of the firm of Cannon, Ferris, Swan & Lally. Frank H. is now a senior in the Creighton Medical School. Genevieve A. is the wife of Dr. P. J. Brannan, of Denison, and has two children, Joseph Lally and Robert King Brannan. Beatrice is a graduate of the musical department of Drake University and of the musical department of Denison College. Bland Marie and Inez Clare are pursuing a classical course in Mount St. Joseph College at Dubuque and both are graduates of the Denison high school. Rachel, Mary Alexes, O'Connell Lincoln and Patricia Katharine are all at home. The eldest son is a graduate of Denison College, of the University of Notre Dame and of the law department of Harvard University.

Mr. and Mrs. Lally hold membership in the Catholic church, in the faith of which they are rearing their family. Mr. Lally is a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and his son Thomas is a member of the same order, and both are members of the Catholic Who's Who in America. Mr. Lally likewise belongs to the American-Irish Historical Society. He occupies an eminent position as a representative of the Crawford county bar, is an eloquent pleader and strong in argument. His friends at different times have strongly urged him to become a candidate for district judge, but he has always refused. His political allegiance was originally given to the democratic party, and upon its ticket he was elected county attorney, filling the office for two terms. He is now an advocate of republican principles, however, and he stands at all times a firm supporter of his honest convictions. He belongs to the library board and is ever a recognized supporter of measures and movements for the general good. He is an influential member of the Knights of Columbus and a popular speaker



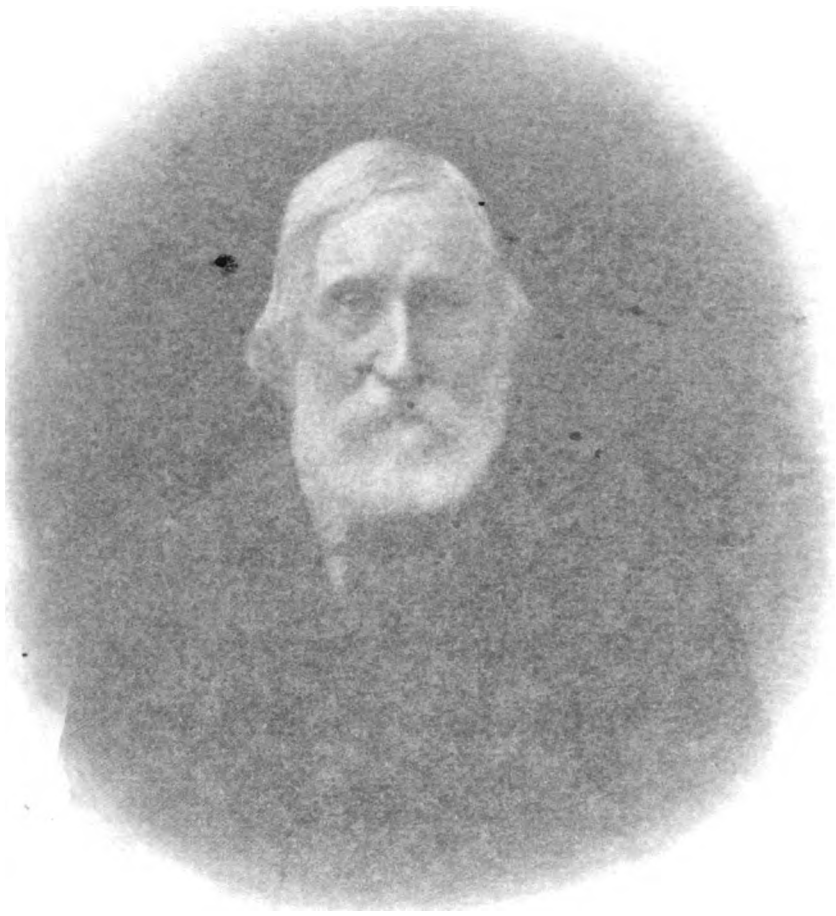
at their gatherings. His social qualities, his keen intellect and his genuine worth make him a favorite wherever he is known, and he has long since established himself as a representative and valued citizen of Denison, seeking at all times the public good rather than personal advancement.

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### JOHN PETT.

Conspicuous among the early residents of Union township, Crawford county, where he has attained a position of prominence and affluence, is John Pett, whose birth occurred September 27, 1824, at Eddington, Warwickshire, near Stratford-on-Avon, England, the birthplace of the immortal Shakespeare. His parents were William and Hannah (Gascoyne) Pett, the former of whom was born in Seven Oaks, County Kent, situated a few miles from London, and there he followed the vocation of a nurseryman. The mother was born in Warwick. They were the parents of five children, of whom but two survive: John, of this review; and Thomas, who is a contractor and resides in England. The parents never left the old country but spent their entire lives there, the father dying in 1838 and the mother passing away in February, 1865.

John Pett was educated in the Wiltshire and Dorchester schools, which he attended until twelve years of age, at which time his father died and he began the struggle for existence on his own account. His first position was in a dry-goods store, where he served an apprenticeship of four years, but being dissatisfied with that kind of work he gave it up and was on the police force for two years. He then learned the carpenter trade, which he followed until his departure from England in 1851. On March 4 of that year he sailed from Liverpool and on May 2 landed at New Orleans, whence he went to St. Louis and there worked at his trade for awhile but as cholera was raging in the city at that time he concluded to leave and proceeded to Muscatine, Iowa. After spending one summer in that city he returned to St. Louis and followed his trade for the succeeding two years. He next went to Utah and from there to Nevada, where he remained working at his trade for twelve years, at the end of which time he removed to Shelby county, Iowa, and in 1864 came to Union township, Crawford county, where he rented a farm for two years and then bought one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 26, only eighteen acres of which were broken. However, he continued to gradually improve the rest of the land and, as his financial circumstances would allow, added to his holdings until they now amount to two hundred and forty-five acres, which he utilizes for general farming and the raising of graded stock. His first venture in the latter industry was with hogs, which he sold in Council Bluffs, Iowa, then the nearest market. During his spare time he worked at his trade and helped to construct the first store of H. C. Laub, for whom he clerked at odd times. He saw the ground broken for the first railroad into Denison and has been an eye witness to almost all the improvements that have been made in Crawford county during the past forty-seven years.



*John Peck*

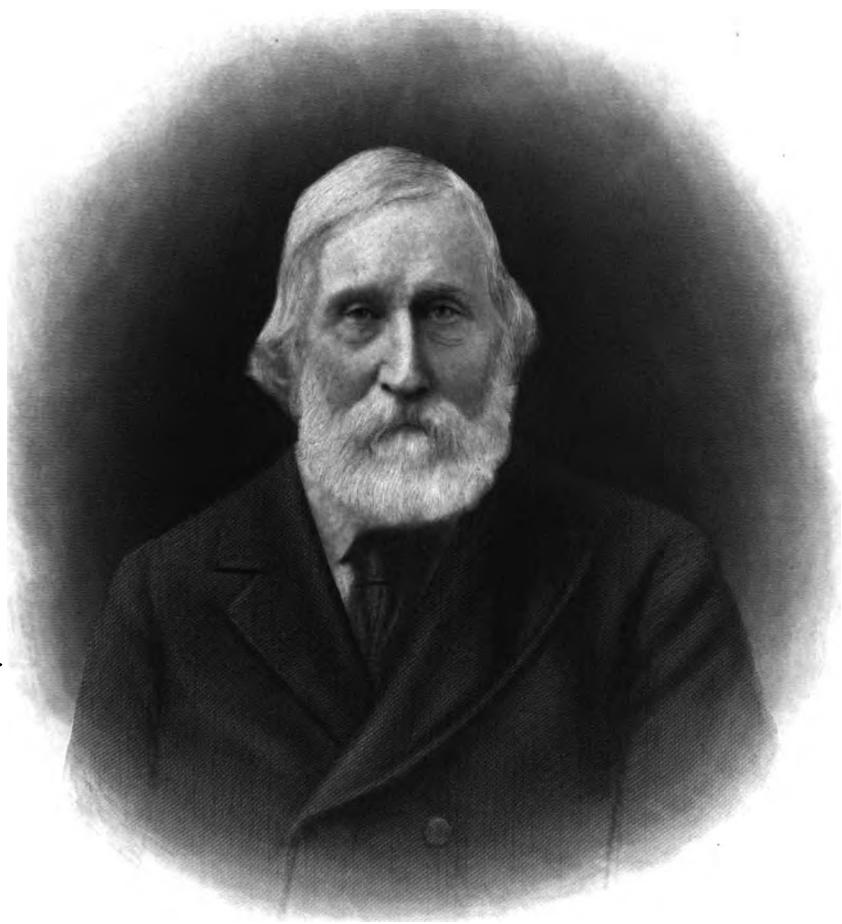
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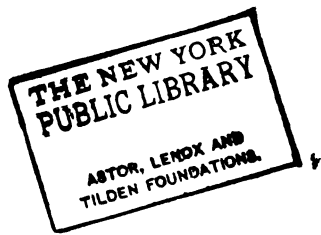
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were John Pett, the father of whom was born in  
London, and there he  
and his mother was born in Warwick.  
John has but two survive, John, of this  
county, and his son in England. The parents  
of John live there, the father dying in  
London, 1865.

John had an early start in schools, which he  
attended until his father died and he began  
to work on his own account. His position was in a dry-  
goods store for a few years, but being dissatis-  
fied with it he went on the police force for two  
years, which he followed until his de-  
parture that year he sailed from Liver-  
pool, whence he went to St. Louis and  
then to Muscatine, Iowa. After  
staying in St. Louis and following his  
trade he went to Utah and from there to  
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Mr. Pett was married in Birmingham, England, in 1846, to Miss Mary Anne Ingraham, of Oxfordshire, England, and they became the parents of eleven children, of whom ten survive: Mary Anne, who is the wife of Fred M. Shaw and lives in Osborn county, Kansas; William, who resides in Shelby county, Iowa; Oliver J., at home; John M., of Union township, Crawford county; Jane, deceased; Samuel R. and Fanny L., at home; Ellen N., who became the wife of David P. Young and lives in Johnson county, Missouri; George A., of Dunlap, Iowa; Fred A., at home; and Serena, who married George H. Young and makes her home in Houghton, South Dakota. Mrs. Pett died in this county, July 11, 1892, but was buried in Galland Grove, Shelby county.

In politics Mr. Pett is a stanch democrat and has always taken an active interest in the welfare of his party as well as the public affairs of his community. He held the office of assessor for one term, has been township trustee for twenty years and for a number of years has held a position on the school board. While his family on the other side of the water hold membership in the Church of England, his religious views coincide with those of the Latter Day Saints and he has been an elder in this church since 1863. His family are also members of the same congregation. Having passed the eighty-seventh milestone on his life's journey, he looks back upon a record of industry and usefulness, of years well spent in fulfilling every duty to his family and to his fellowmen, and he is today enjoying the peace and contentment of an honored old age in the midst of his family and among his many friends, who accord him their highest esteem.

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#### LOREN CORNWELL.

The financial interests of Denison and this part of the state find a worthy representative in Loren Cornwell, president of the Crawford County State Bank. In the management of this institution he displays sound judgment and enterprising spirit and in the control of other business interests he also has proven his ability and progressiveness.

He was born in Fulton county, New York, February 10, 1838, and has therefore passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey. His parents were Timothy and Elizabeth (Kenyon) Cornwell, natives of Connecticut and Rhode Island respectively. The father was a son of Ashbel Cornwell, who was born in the Charter Oak state and followed the occupation of farming. He lived at that period when an old time courtesy prevailed and when men bore the picturesque dress of velvet coat, knee breeches, silk stockings and buckled shoes. When the call to arms sounded and America attempted to throw off the British oppression, he became a soldier of the Revolutionary war, participating in the battle of Bunker Hill, and aided in the attainment of liberty. Both he and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Gaylord, lived to very old age and reared a family of six children, including Enoch, Ashbel, Titus, Timothy, a daughter and another child who died in infancy. The maternal grandfather of Loren Cornwell was Barnabas Kenyon, who was born in

Rhode Island and also made farming his life work. He married a Miss Clark and both reached old age. Their family numbered two sons and two daughters, Asa, Randall, Elizabeth and Susan.

Timothy Cornwell, father of Loren Cornwell, engaged in tanning throughout his entire life, having a tannery at Broad Albin, in Fulton county, New York, where he died in 1871 at the age of eighty years. His wife survived him and passed away in 1877 at the age of eighty-three years. They were both earnest, Christian people, holding membership in the Presbyterian church. Their family numbered three sons and two daughters, of whom two lived to maturity, Ashbel, who died in 1888, and Loren. The others, Richard, Sarah and Lucy, died in childhood.

Loren Cornwell was reared to manhood in Fulton county, New York, and through the period of his youth worked in his father's tannery and also attended the village school. After completing his education, his entire time was given to assisting his father until he attained the age of twenty years, when in 1858, with his brother Ashbel, he came west to Iowa, settling in Butler county. His brother engaged in the hotel business, while Loren Cornwell turned his attention to merchandising. Ten years later, in 1868, they came to Denison and built a flouring mill on the Boyer river about a mile and a half southwest of the town, operating it for five years. On the expiration of that period Loren Cornwell was elected county treasurer and took up his abode in Denison, occupying the office through reelection for ten consecutive years, his record being one of which he has every reason to be proud. He discharged his duties with promptness, fidelity and capability, and his fellow townsmen gave indication of their faith and confidence in him by reelecting him. After his retirement from office he divided his time between farming and banking. He was associated with Leslie M. Shaw, J. P. Conner and J. P. Miller in organizing the Crawford County State Bank in May, 1884, with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, which has since been raised to one hundred thousand dollars. In 1886 Mr. Cornwell was chosen president of the bank and has since been at the head of this institution which is conducted along safe and conservative lines, commending it to the confidence and support of the public. In addition to banking he improved six or seven hundred acres of land which he has since sold. In this way, however, he contributed largely to the agricultural development of the county. In 1880 he built a beautiful residence in Denison which he occupies through the greater part of the year, although spending the winter months in California.

On the 24th of November, 1881, Mr. Cornwell was united in marriage to Miss Lydia J. Dennis, who was born in Fulton county, New York, a daughter of Eli and Mary Ann (Kennedy) Dennis, the former a native of Rhode Island and the latter of the Empire state. Mr. Dennis was a son of Joseph D., who was also born in Rhode Island and was of English descent. He was the owner of mills of different kinds and was well known in his locality. He married Lydia Hart. His father was Thomas Dennis, a soldier of the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Cornwell was Robert Kennedy, a native of the Empire state who married Jane Palmerton. Their daughter, Mary Ann, became the wife of Eli Dennis and unto them were born three daughters;

Mrs. Cornwell; Martha A., now the deceased wife of Zalmon Gilbert; and Mary, the wife of Herbert Drake, of Gloversville, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornwell are members of the Congregational church, and Mrs. Cornwell is connected with the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Cornwell holds membership with Sylvester Lodge, No. 505, A. F. & A. M., and gives his political support to the republican party. He was originally a democrat for many years and upon that ticket was elected county treasurer in a strongly republican county. His views upon the money question, however, led him to give his support to the republican party in 1896, and he has since voted with that organization. He is classed today with the prominent and representative men of his part of the state. His energies have been so directed that he has not only won individual success but has also contributed to the prosperity of the community. In matters of citizenship he holds to high ideals and gives his support wherever he believes practical methods will obtain desired results. In business affairs he has sustained an unassailable reputation for integrity as well as enterprise and at all times has employed constructive rather than destructive methods, his labors constituting an important factor of the sum total of progress and successful accomplishment in Crawford county.

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#### NICOLAUS LAFRENTZ.

Nicolaus Lafrentz, who lived retired in Denison for the last thirteen years of his life and died February 11, 1911, was long and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits and continued to own ten hundred and twenty acres of highly improved land in Crawford county. His birth occurred in Germany on the 17th of May, 1835, his parents being Jacob and Anna Lafrentz, who spent their entire lives in that country. Their children were five in number, namely: Anna, the widow of Henry Freese, of Crawford county, Iowa; Hans, who resided with our subject; Nicolaus, of this review; and two who have passed away.

Nicolaus Lafrentz spent the first twenty-two years of his life in the fatherland and there received his education. In 1857, having determined to establish his home on this side the Atlantic, he emigrated to the United States, first locating in Scott county, Iowa, where he worked on a farm for about two years. On the expiration of that period he went to Jackson county, Iowa, there residing until 1869, when he came to Crawford county. He purchased a farm here and began its cultivation and improvement, being successfully engaged in its operation until he put aside the active work of the fields in 1898. In connection with the tilling of the soil he made a specialty of raising and feeding stock, which branch of his business added materially to his annual income. For thirteen years he lived in honorable retirement at Denison, where he owned a handsome residence. During his active business career he accumulated ten hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in this county, all of which is still in possession of the family.



Mr. Lafrentz was married twice. In 1860 he wedded Miss Amanda Fulton, a native of Ohio, by whom he had six children, namely: Jacob, who is a resident of Montana; Henry, living in Crawford county; James, who makes his home in Salt Lake City; Anna, the wife of Ingwert Hollander, of Crawford county; Daniel, who is a resident of Montana; and Etta, who is the wife of William Dixon and also resides in Montana. The mother passed away in 1880 and the following year Mr. Lafrentz was again married, his second union being with Miss Dora Moller, a native of Germany. Unto them were born five children, as follows: Christ, John, Albert, Max and Sarah.

In politics Mr. Lafrentz was a republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to several positions of public trust. He held the offices of trustee, assessor, justice of the peace and school director, discharging his duties in these various connections in a most prompt and capable manner. Fraternally he was identified with the Masons, belonging to Lodge No. 518 at Denison, while both he and his wife were consistent and devoted members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Lafrentz never regretted his determination to come to the new world, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and through their wise utilization won a place among the wealthy and respected citizens of his community. The period of his residence in Crawford county covered more than four decades and he enjoyed a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

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#### LOUIE EVERS.

The records of Crawford county show that, on the whole, the offices have been filled by men of ability, faithful to the trusts reposed in them. As county treasurer Louie Evers has given proof of his public-spirited citizenship. He has discharged his duties with ability, promptness and fairness and to his fellow citizens is known as an honest, honorable man.

One of Iowa's native sons, Mr. Evers was born in Clinton, December 29, 1874, and is of German lineage. His paternal grandfather, John Evers, was born in Germany but spent the last twenty-eight years of his life in Denison, where he passed away in 1902, at the age of seventy-four. Unto him and his wife were born three daughters and two sons, Louie, Charles, Susannah, Elizabeth and Emma. Of these Charles Evers became the father of him whose name introduces this review. A native of Germany, Charles Evers was there married to a daughter of John Bendixen, who was a German farmer and on coming to the United States about 1874 settled in Crawford county, Iowa, where he passed away in 1895, at an advanced age. His wife was more than seventy years of age at the time of her death. They had a large family, which included William, Fred, Peter, Asmus, Henry, Doris, Elizabeth and others.

On crossing the Atlantic to America Charles Evers and his wife became early settlers of Clinton, Iowa, where he followed carpentering and contracting. In 1874 they removed to Denison, where Mrs. Evers passed away in 1880. Later the father married again, his second union being with Mary Petersen, and unto

them were born five sons, of whom three are now living, William, John and Carl. By the first marriage there were four children, of whom but two are living, Louie and August, the latter a resident of Superior, Wyoming. The father continued a resident of Denison until July, 1910, when he removed to Green River, Wyoming, where all of his sons with the exception of Louie had preceded him and are now engaged in the lumber and contracting business.

Louie Evers was only three months old when brought by his parents to Denison and here he has since lived. At the usual age he entered the public schools and later became a student in Denison College. After putting aside his text-books he began learning the carpenter's trade and eventually began contracting on his own account, following that business until 1903, when he was appointed deputy county recorder for a term of two years. On his retirement from office he was given charge of the hardware department of the Balle-Brodersen Company and occupied that position for two years, after which he was elected county treasurer in 1906 and is still filling the position.

On the 8th of January, 1901, Mr. Evers was united in marriage to Miss Ida Lorenzen, a daughter of A. B. and Hannah (Christiansen) Lorenzen. Mrs. Evers was born in Crawford county, Iowa, but her parents were natives of Germany. They came to this county, however, at an early day and are now residents of Denison. They had several children, of whom five are now living, namely, Anna, Ida, Lorenz, Adalina and Andrew. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Evers has been blessed with three children, Lorenz, Dorothy and Louie.

The parents are Lutherans in religious faith, and Mr. Evers holds membership with the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a democrat and closely studies the questions and issues of the day, so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument. He is proving a competent official, manifesting the utmost loyalty in office.

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### THOMAS NIELSEN.

Thomas Nielsen, a popular hotel proprietor of Denison, owns one of the best equipped hostelries west of Des Moines. His birth occurred in Denmark on the 12th of March, 1857, his parents being Niels and Mattie (Clausen) Thomsen, who spent their entire lives in that country. They had a family of five children, of whom our subject is the only survivor.

Thomas Nielsen was reared to manhood in Denmark and obtained his education in the schools of that country. He has continually broadened his knowledge by reading, experience and observation and is now able to speak fluently in three languages: Danish, German and English. When twenty-five years of age he bade adieu to his native land and crossed the Atlantic to the United States, wishing to test the truth of the many favorable reports which had reached him concerning the advantages and opportunities to be enjoyed in the new world. After landing on American shores he came direct to Denison, Crawford county, Iowa, and secured employment as a farm hand, working thus for a year. He then became a clerk in the store of G. P. Miller & Company,

remaining in the employ of that concern for twelve years. On the expiration of that period he embarked in business as a hotel proprietor of Denison, where he has remained continuously since, conducting an up-to-date establishment which has been well patronized. He now owns the hotel building, which is a three-story brick structure containing over fifty rooms and which the citizens of Denison erected at a cost of sixty-five thousand dollars. Coming to this country empty handed, he has since worked his way steadily upward to a position of considerable prominence and prosperity and may therefore well claim the proud American title of a self-made man.

While still a resident of Denmark Mr. Nielsen was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Chrestensin, who was born in that country in 1857. Her father emigrated to the United States in 1885 and both he and his wife are now living in Denison. Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen are the parents of six children, as follows: Ever, who is a resident of Montana; Maurice C., at home; Mattie, the wife of R. B. Smith, of Denison; and T. W., Albert and Emma, who are likewise still under the parental roof.

Mr. Nielsen is a staunch republican in politics but has never sought office as a reward for his party fealty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. His life has ever measured up to a high standard of manhood and honorable purpose and the years have brought him a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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#### DAVID WALTERS.

David Walters, the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Paradise township, has continuously resided thereon for the past three decades. His birth occurred in Wales on the 23d of April, 1841, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Richards) Walters, who were born, reared and married in that country. In 1853 the father brought his family to the United States, locating in Danville, Pennsylvania, where he made his home until 1860. In that year he removed to Fallbrook, Pennsylvania, and there resided until 1865, when he went to Brookville, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1887. He was a coal miner in his native land and during his residence in America also worked as a coal and ore miner. The demise of his wife occurred in Crawford county, Iowa, in 1891. Their children were seven in number, namely: David, of this review; Margaret, the wife of Alex Allen, of Oliver Springs, Tennessee; Thomas, who is a resident of Florence, Colorado; Samuel, living in New Castle, Colorado; John, of Palmer, Nebraska; and James and William, who are deceased.

David Walters had no opportunity to acquire an education in early life. In the mines of Wales a miner could not always get as many cars as he could fill, and when our subject was five years old he went with his father to the mines to claim his share of cars. At the age of seven he began to use the pick and when a lad of eight could claim a half turn of cars. When twelve years of age

he took a job of driving mules in the mines, being thus employed until his emigration to the new world. Here he took charge of a stationary engine at Danville, Pennsylvania, hoisting iron ore, which position he held for about four years. On the expiration of that period he returned to mining and was thus busily employed until 1881, when he came to Iowa, locating on the farm in Paradise township, Crawford county, which has remained his place of abode continuously since. The property comprises one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land and has been well improved in every particular. Mr. Walters' undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying measure of success and he has long been numbered among the substantial and esteemed citizens of the community.

In 1880 Mr. Walters was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Morgans, a native of Wales and a daughter of John and Hannah (Davis) Morgans, who were likewise born in that country. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1872, locating in Brookville, Ohio. Mrs. Morgans died in 1878, while Mr. Morgans was called to his final rest in 1889, passing away in Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania. The latter was a coal miner and the father of three children, as follows: Mrs. Walters; John, who died in 1878; and Thomas, who is a resident of Franklin, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Walters are the parents of four children, namely: Anna, the wife of Carl Nicholson, of Bloomfield, Nebraska; and David J., William T. and Bessie, all yet at home.

Mr. Walters gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has held the office of school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church, to which his wife and children also belong. He was formerly connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His life has been one of industry and his unfaltering labor and intelligent management of his business affairs have brought him substantial and well merited prosperity. Moreover his personal qualities insure him the high regard and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### MRS. ELIZABETH L. CRIPPEN.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Crippen, one of the well known and esteemed ladies of Denison, has made her home here for a third of a century. Her birth occurred in Racine county, Wisconsin, on the 27th of October, 1843, her parents being Rufus and Hannah M. (Webber) Watterman, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts. They removed to the state of Wisconsin in the '30s and there spent the remainder of their lives. They reared a family of six children, four of whom still survive.

It was in Wisconsin that Elizabeth L. Watterman gave her hand in marriage to Alonzo Carpenter, a native of New York, who took up his abode in the Badger state at an early day. In 1878 they came to Crawford county, Iowa, locating in Denison, where Mr. Carpenter was employed as bookkeeper by a lumber concern. Their union was blessed with one son, Harry A. Carpenter. Alonzo Carpenter died in 1885 and his remains were interred in the Denison

cemetery. In 1888 Mrs. Carpenter became the wife of Harrison Crippen, likewise a native of the Empire state, who was one of the early settlers of Crawford county. He became quite an extensive landowner here and when he passed away in 1897 the community mourned the loss of one of its most prosperous and respected citizens.

Mrs. Crippen is connected with Eastern Star Lodge, No. 207, at Denison, of which she is serving as treasurer. She is also a consistent and valued member of the Baptist church, taking an active and helpful part in its work. Mrs. Crippen still owns two fine residence properties in the city of Denison and that she has ever displayed attractive personal qualities is indicated by the fact that she enjoys the warm friendship and regard of all who know her.

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#### EDWIN DARLING, M. D.

Dr. Edwin Darling is the oldest practicing physician of Crawford county, having been identified with the medical fraternity here for more than four decades. His birth occurred in Franklin county, Vermont, on the 18th of March, 1838, his parents being Benjamin Franklin and Cynthia (Blake) Darling, who were likewise natives of the Green Mountain state. Coming to Iowa in 1848, they purchased and located on a farm in Jackson county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Their children were five in number, namely: Edwin, of this review; Emily, who is deceased; Viola, the wife of George Leslie, of Oklahoma; Jeanette, who is the wife of George L. Wright and now resides in Denver, Colorado; and Edson, who has also passed away.

Edwin Darling began earning his own livelihood at the early age of fourteen years, securing employment as clerk in a drug store at Maquoketa, Iowa, where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil war. In 1861 he offered his services in defense of the Union, joining the Ninth Iowa Infantry and remaining with that command until the 1st of August, 1865. He participated in the battles of Pea Ridge, Arkansas Post, Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Atlanta, Georgia, and several other hotly contested engagements and also went with Sherman to the sea. During the entire period of his connection with the army he acted as hospital steward and fortunately escaped injury of any kind. He was mustered out at Clinton in 1865 and then returned to Jackson county, where he again entered the drug store in which he had been formerly employed. Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he pursued a course of study in the medical college at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was graduated from that institution in 1867. He first followed his profession at Maquoketa, Iowa, for two years and in March, 1870, came to Crawford county, locating for practice in Deloit, where he remained for seven years. On the expiration of that period he came to Vail and has here since enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice. That his diagnosis is correct and careful, his judgment sound and his application of remedial agencies effective is shown in the excellent results which have attended his efforts. He is now the oldest practicing physician in Crawford county and has kept in close touch with the onward



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march of the profession, continually broadening his knowledge and promoting his efficiency by reading and investigation.

In 1867 Dr. Darling was united in marriage to Miss Adaline Stevens, who was born in Ohio on the 19th of November, 1848, her parents being John and Mary Jane Stevens. They are both deceased, the mother passing away April 7, 1911, at the age of eighty-eight years, at the home of our subject. They reared a family of six children.

In politics Dr. Darling is a republican and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. He has held both town and township offices and acted as mayor of Vail for several terms, while during President Harrison's administration he served as postmaster. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Lodge No. 422, which he helped to organize and in which he has filled all of the chairs. He is likewise a member of Chapter No. 89 at Dunlap and also belongs to the Eastern Star. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which his wife is also affiliated. His life in all of its phases has commanded the respect and confidence of his fellowmen and he now ranks high among the prominent and valued citizens of Vail and Crawford county.

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#### HON. HENRY C. LAUB.

In every community there are found a few citizens who are ever the leading spirits in promoting the upbuilding of the vicinity and molding its public policy. They are its real founders, and their enterprise constitutes the moving force in all that is accomplished there. Such a man in Crawford county was Hon. Henry C. Laub. No history of this part of the state would be complete without extended mention of him and his life work, which constitutes so important a factor in the annals of the county.

His birth occurred in Little York, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1824, his parents being William and Catharine (Snyder) Laub. The father was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, and was of sturdy Pennsylvania Dutch stock. For many years he figured as a leading citizen of Gettysburg and held a number of clerical positions in connection with the county offices there, while later he was chosen by popular suffrage to the office of county treasurer. He had a brother Henry who served as a soldier of the war of 1812. The death of William Laub occurred in Gettysburg, when he was sixty-five years of age. His wife, who was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and was of German-Irish origin, came to Iowa after the death of her husband and spent her last days in Denison, her death occurring when she had reached the age of seventy-six. Mr. and Mrs. William Laub were the parents of nine children, as follows: Henry C., Louisa, Catharine, William B., Julia, Mary, John, Charles and George.

Henry C. Laub spent his early youth in Gettysburg and at the age of twelve years began to provide for his own support as a farm hand working in that way for four years and two months. The spirit of adventure, however called him



elsewhere, and he ran away to Frederick county, Maryland, where he secured a situation and remained until eighteen years of age. He then returned to Gettysburg and spent a few months in school. This was the only educational training he received and yet he became a well informed man, reading and experience bringing him constantly broadening knowledge, until there were few subjects of importance that could be touched upon that he could not intelligently and entertainingly discuss. He remained throughout life a close student in the school of affairs, and his receptive mind and retentive memory gave him an intellectual grasp that few college students have equaled. While he was still in his teens he began learning the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for four years, using his leisure hours in reading and study so that at the end of that time he was qualified for teaching and followed the profession for four years.

The west, with its wider opportunities, attracted him, and hoping to make more rapid progress in the business world in this section of the country, he came to Iowa in November, 1851, making his way to Muscatine, where on the day of his arrival he was engaged to teach school. For two years he was identified with the educational interests of the city, after which he went to Cedar Rapids and turned his attention to merchandising, opening a general store. Subsequently he removed to Scotch Grove, about eight miles from Cedar Rapids and began the cultivation of an eighty acre farm. He afterward spent a year and a half in agricultural pursuits in Benton county and in 1855 arrived at Mason's Grove, Crawford county, where he resided for two years. It was his intention to continue farming, and he purchased a tract of land near Deloit but he soon recognized the need of mercantile enterprises and opened a little store in that village. About that time J. W. Denison, in the interest of the Provident Western Land Company, was endeavoring to found a town in the Boyer valley in the center of Crawford county. He attempted to establish a store but the men he employed proved incapable or dishonest. Mr. Laub had about decided to build a store at Marshall's Grove about a mile northeast of Denison but Mr. Denison dissuaded him from that purpose and traded the stock of merchandise which he had for Mr. Laub's land. Thus Denison secured her pioneer merchant, who for so many years was closely associated, not only with the business development of the county seat, but also with its progress and improvement along many other lines. Locating here in 1857, he erected a store building, twelve by eighteen feet, and goods which he purchased in Chicago were hauled overland by ox teams. Selling his goods on credit, the following spring found him with a greatly depleted stock and very little money, for the country was new and the early settlers had no cash with which to pay for their merchandise. However, he pushed on toward the goal of success and erected a store at West Side and another at Dunlap, admitting others to partnership in the venture. He soon found himself, however, seventy-eight thousand dollars in debt and resolved that thereafter he would manage the business alone. He went to Chicago, borrowed ten thousand dollars as a working capital and bent every energy toward the upbuilding of the business with the result that within three years he had paid off not only the indebtedness of seventy-eight thousand dollars but had also a substantial little capital remaining. He was never discouraged in the face of difficulties but with optimistic spirit continued his labors and won the

substantial prosperity that ultimately crowns earnest effort, intelligently directed. For years Mr. Laub was a merchant prince of western Iowa. Denison was his central place of business, but through partnerships he extended his interests in every direction. He erected buildings, purchased stock and became the owner of thirty-two different stores, including those located at Carrollton, West Side, Smithland, Harlan, Dunlap, Butler's Mill, Correctionville and St. Johns.

Mr. Laub's business career was a notably successful one, and none have more fully deserved the proud and honorable title of a self-made man, for he started out in life on his own account at the age of twelve years and from that time until his death was dependent entirely upon his own resources. He had a remarkable experience and a successful career. He always trusted the people and won the high regard of all with whom he came in contact. Merchandising, however, was but one phase of this busy man's career. He gave substantial evidence of his faith in Denison in replacing his little frame store building by a stone and cement structure on Main street, which was the first substantial business house of the city. This was later succeeded by the Laub block, erected in 1871. He was also the contractor who built the present city hall and he erected the McKim Hall and extended the Laub block on Broadway. He built fully forty residences in the city and at one time was the largest property owner in Denison. As a landlord he was never oppressive, always kept his buildings in good condition and it was seldom that he lost through the failure of a tenant to pay, for all appreciated his consideration and his kindness. He possessed, too, a mechanical genius of superior order and invented a car coupling device. While engaged with many and varied business interests and activities, he never neglected his duties of citizenship and cooperated in every movement for the general good. In pioneer times he served as sheriff of Crawford county, summoned the first jury that ever sat in the county court and in later years found pleasure in relating the fact that he had to walk clear to the south edge of the county to serve some of the summons. He was the first county surveyor and for twelve years filled the office of superintendent of schools. He also built the first schoolhouse in Denison, now used by the Lutheran parochial school, and he took the contract for the erection of the courthouse and the west brick school. He built the first oven and burned the first brick made in Denison, and when the Northwestern Railroad Company was extending its line westward, Mr. Laub contracted to haul the poles and erect the first telegraph line that connected Boone and Council Bluffs. He seemed to understand the great value of any enterprise and whenever he believed that such a project would prove of benefit he gave in its support freely and generously. Later in his life he met with some financial reverses, but these did not affect him greatly, save as they lessened his power to give. Few men have ever been more generous or responded more cheerfully when aid was needed. "Giving was almost a passion with him; it was always a pleasure and not a task," said one of the local papers. "No man had to urge him to do his duty; he always did it and a little more."

On the 7th of February, 1848, in Frederick, Maryland, Mr. Laub was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Baer, a daughter of Jacob and Matilda Baer, who

were farming people and were of German descent. Mrs. Laub was born in Frederick county, Maryland, and by her marriage became the mother of eight children. Alice, the eldest, became the wife of James Ainsworth, editor of the Denison Review, and they had one son, Claude. Mary, the second daughter, is the wife of J. B. Romans, and has four children: Dolly, Ione, Junia and Harry. William, a liveryman of Denison, married Edna Goodspeed and has three children, William, Hazel and Harold. Catherine is the wife of Thomas Perkins, of Seattle, Washington. Eli, living in Sioux City, Iowa, married Grace Gilmore and has three daughters. Anna Elizabeth became the wife of George Bartholomew, a banker, who died leaving a daughter, Belle, and since his death Mrs. Bartholomew has engaged in the practice of medicine, being now located in Evanston, Illinois. Belle, the seventh member of the Laub family, died at the age of twenty years. Lilly is the wife of Carl F. Kuehnle, vice president of the Bank of Denison, and president of the Bank of Manilla, Iowa, and they have two children, Lydia Belle and Carl F. Kuehnle. Mrs. Lydia Laub died in 1896, at the age of seventy-two years. She was a member of the Methodist church and a most earnest and active worker in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. On the 11th of January, 1898, Mr. Laub was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary E. Snouffer, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Baer) Snouffer. There is one child of this marriage, Henry Clay Laub.

Mr. Laub was a member of the Methodist church, to which his widow also belongs. For seventy-six years he was identified with that denomination, and his entire life was the exposition of his faith in the Christian religion. If he made mistakes—and what man does not—they were of the head and not of the heart. It is impossible for a man to successfully conduct so many and varied business enterprises as Mr. Laub did and not awaken enmity and opposition, and a person with such positive, aggressive force as Mr. Laub could not hope to avoid this, and yet he perhaps had a hundred friends to one enemy, and the consensus of public opinion places his name high on the roll of the progressive citizens and honorable and upright men. His word carried weight in political circles and his support was given to the whig party until its dissolution, after which he joined the ranks of the republican party. He was influential in its councils and frequently served as a delegate to the state conventions. That his mind reached out broadly in the world is indicated by the large and elegant library, which is one of the chief features of his beautiful home in Denison.

While every class of citizen mourns the death of Mr. Laub, his demise is perhaps most deeply regretted, outside of the circle of his family and closest friends, by the poor, for to them he was ever a friend, ready to extend a helping hand at all times. One who knew him well wrote: "His acts of charity were manifold. His accomplishments were large. He was effective, dynamic, controlling, powerful. He succeeded in more different fields of activity than any other man western Iowa has known. He was lovable. He made warm friends and held them throughout life. He was kindly and considerate. He was a good judge of human nature and he liked to speak kindly of his fellows. Not long ago it was the writer's privilege to interview him as to the early history of the county and it was a real pleasure to find how eager he was to give credit to others and to tell of their achievements rather than his own."

An accident a few years prior to his death, resulting in a broken hip, compelled him to use crutches throughout the remainder of his life but in this as on every other occasion where an incident might have served to discourage or dishearten him, he called all his latent resources to meet the situation, never ceased to be a regular attendant at church and was to the last a familiar figure on the streets of his city. He was a man of commanding presence and has been described as tall, big boned, well built, straight as an Indian, lithe, quick motioned, strong. His features showed lines of strength and character, his eye was keen and piercing, but with quick flashes of humor and of kindliness. He went clean shaven all through his life, and it was partially owing to this fact that so little change was noticed in him from time to time. In fact, he looked what he was, a sturdy, active, virile, capable, kind-hearted man. He might well be termed the Grand Old Man of Crawford county. His record is an exposition of the words of Lincoln, "There is something better than making a living—making a life." Moreover, it is not from the few conspicuous deeds of life that the blessings chiefly come which make the world better, sweeter, happier; but from the countless, lowly ministries of the everydays, the little faithful-nesses that fill long years. There were many of these "little ministries" in the life of Mr. Laub, who seemed to neglect no opportunity of doing good to others, of speaking an encouraging word, or extending a helping hand. His life was an inspiration, and his memory will long remain as a benediction to those who knew him.

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#### BERNHARDT J. SIBBERT.

Bernhardt J. Sibbert, an enterprising business man, alive to the opportunities of the present day, is now manager and one of the leading stockholders of the J. B. Romans Company, dealers in hardware, agricultural implements and automobiles at Denison. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 13th of June, 1869, and is a son of Henry and Elsie (Harson) Sibbert, who were likewise natives of that country. His grandfather, Bernhardt Sibbert, was a lifelong farmer of Germany, where both he and his wife lived to old age. The maternal grandfather, Henry Harson, was also an agriculturist. Unto him and his wife were born several children, including Harold, Johannas, Elizabeth, Mary and Elsie.

Henry Sibbert devoted the greater part of his youth to study, made continuous and gratifying advance in the field of intellectual development and afterward successfully engaged in teaching for many years. He died in Germany in 1908 at the age of seventy-two years, while his wife passed away about 1880. Both were of the Lutheran faith, closely adhering to the teachings of that church. Their family numbered six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Anton, in the government employ in Germany; Bernhardt J., of this review; Johannas H., of Denison; Ernest F., also of Denison; Helena, the widow of E. Hansen; and Mary, who married Herman Luth and, like her sister Helena, is a resident of Germany.

Bernhardt J. Sibbert, of this review, acquired his education in Germany where he remained until sixteen years of age. The spirit of adventure and the desire for broader opportunities led him to come to America in 1885 and, settling in Denison, Iowa, he entered the employ of J. B. Romans as a clerk. That he was loyal to the interests of his employer and faithful in the discharge of his duties was indicated by his admission to a partnership in 1900. As the years passed greater responsibilities were intrusted to him and since the retirement of Mr. Romans in January, 1906, the business has been carried on by B. J. Sibbert, E. R. Reimers and E. F. Sibbert. They have a well appointed hardware store, together with large automobile and machinery departments. Their sales reached an extensive figure annually, and the business, conducted along progressive lines, is constantly growing. In addition to his mercantile interests Mr. Sibbert is manager of the Opera House, and it is his purpose to provide Denison with a superior line of attractive entertainments.

On the 5th of June, 1895, Mr. Sibbert was joined in wedlock to Miss Amanda Gronau, a native of Clinton county, Iowa, where her parents, Carl and Mary (Heiden) Gronau, settled at an early day on coming to the United States from their native land of Germany. Of this marriage there is one son, Carl.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sibbert are adherents of the Methodist church and take an active interest in its work. For fifteen years Mr. Sibbert has been leader of the choir, and both he and his wife cooperate in other church activities. Fraternally he is connected with Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M.; Ark Chapter, No. 89, R. A. M.; and Dowdall Lodge, K. P. His study of the political questions and issues of the day has led to his stalwart support of the republican party. He does not seek nor desire office, however, preferring to concentrate his energies and his attention upon his business affairs, and in the successful conduct of his commercial interests the city is also a direct beneficiary.

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#### HARRY A. CARPENTER.

Harry A. Carpenter, who has been agent for the American Express Company at Denison for the past nine years, was born in this city on the 25th of October, 1878, his parents being Alonzo and Elizabeth (Watterman) Carpenter, who were natives of New York and Wisconsin respectively. They came to Crawford county, Iowa, in 1875, the father being employed as bookkeeper by a Denison lumber concern until called to his final rest in 1884. The mother afterward gave her hand in marriage to Harrison Crippen, who has also passed away.

Harry A. Carpenter, who was the only child of his parents, supplemented his preliminary education by a high school course. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. Learning the carpenter's trade in early life, he worked at that occupation until 1902 and then became agent for the American Express Company at Denison, which concern he has since represented here. His fidelity

in the discharge of his duties is evidenced in the fact that he has been retained in the service of the company for nine years. He was also engaged in the stationery business for one year.

In 1902 Mr. Carpenter was united in marriage to Miss Maud Bryan, a daughter of D. F. and Rachel Bryan, who are now residents of Crawford county. Mr. Carpenter lost his wife in September of the same year in which he had married her. In 1907 he wedded Miss Myrtle Barber, a native of Crawford county and a daughter of Warren C. and Frances (Watkins) Barber. Her father has passed away but her mother still survives, now making her home with our subject.

Mr. Carpenter is a staunch republican in politics but has never sought office as a reward for his party fealty. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. Both he and his wife have always lived in this county and the circle of their friends is a wide one.

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### GEORGE SPRECHER.

George Sprecher, a clerk in the freight department of the Chicago & Northwestern depot at Denison, is one of the well-to-do and enterprising young residents of the city. His birth occurred in Denison, Iowa, on the 31st of August, 1877, his parents being Cyrus and Belle (Deffenbaugh) Sprecher, the former a native of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Strawsburg, that state. Cyrus Sprecher was a merchant in Chambersburg at the time the rebels burnt the town. He came to Denison, Iowa, in 1872 in order to settle the estate of his brother Samuel, who was killed in a railroad accident. In 1874 he took up his permanent abode here, erected a brick store and subsequently engaged in business as a commission merchant, dealing in live stock, coal, etc. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party, served as township trustee for eighteen or twenty years and was also a member of the city council. Both he and his wife were Lutherans in religious faith but attended the Presbyterian church here. Mr. Sprecher was called to his final rest on the 27th of March, 1906, when seventy-four years of age. The period of his residence in Denison covered more than three decades and in his passing the community lost one of its most substantial and respected citizens. His widow, who still survives him, has a host of warm friends here.

George Sprecher, an only child, was reared in Denison and supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the public schools, by a course of study in the University of Iowa. After putting aside his text-books he was employed by the telephone company for a year and then acted as assistant postmaster for a period of eleven years. Since January, 1910, he has acted as a freight clerk for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company at Denison, being a most valuable and trusted employe.

On the 15th of June, 1902, Mr. Sprecher was united in marriage to Miss Grace Baer, who was born at Point of Rocks, Maryland, her parents being Lewis M. and Laura (Fulton) Baer, likewise natives of that state. They took

up their abode among the early settlers of Denison, Iowa, and Lewis M. Baer served as night watchman of the town for more than twenty years. He passed away here in the spring of 1910 but is still survived by his widow. Their children were two in number: William and Grace Mary.

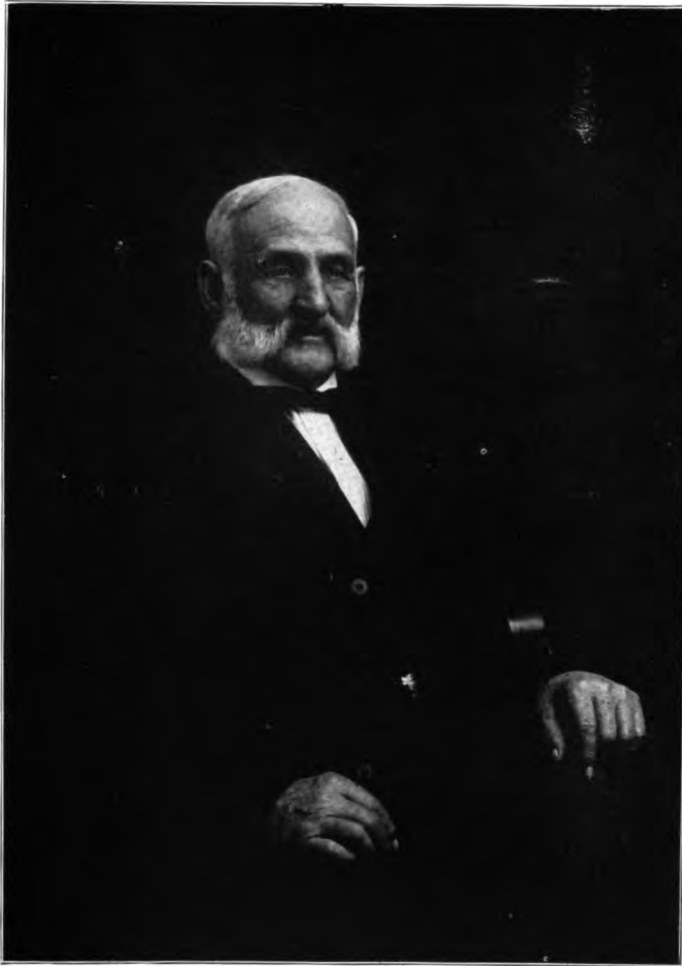
In politics Mr. Sprecher is a republican, while in religious faith he is a Presbyterian. His wife is a member of the Methodist church. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M.; Ark Chapter, No. 89, R. A. M., of Dunlap; Harlan Commandery, No. 90, K. T.; Za-ga-zig Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, S. P. R. S. He is also identified with the Modern Woodmen and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Denison Lodge, No. 626, of the latter fraternity. In the town of Denison, where his entire life has been spent, he is widely and favorably known.

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#### C. T. MARSHALL.

In looking over the life history of those who now make Charter Oak their home, one cannot but be impressed with the record of C. T. Marshall, who, beginning his career with no other capital than good health, boundless energy and a firm determination to win his way in the world, has risen to a position of influence and holds an honored place among the people of his home town. Born in Kane county, Illinois, January 3, 1847, he is the son of John and Margaret (Davis) Marshall, both of whom were natives of New York state, the father's birth taking place February 12, 1806, and the mother being born in November, 1810. They were married in New York state in 1832 and went to Illinois in 1843, being among the pioneer settlers of Kane county, where the father located on a two hundred acre farm and followed agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life. The mother was always a faithful member of the Baptist church. Unto this couple ten children were born, of whom seven survive, as follows: Harriet, now Mrs. Joseph Wilson, of Crawford county, Iowa; Julia, who married Henry Jobe and lives in Denison, Iowa; Mary, who became the wife of H. Sheldon and resides in Colorado; C. T., of this review; Albert, a resident of Omaha, Nebraska; Celia, the wife of Daniel Sheldon, a retired farmer of Illinois; and Alice, the wife of Horace Nash, living in Iowa.

C. T. Marshall had all the educational advantages possible in the district schools of Kane county until he was fifteen years old and then went to Michigan, remaining there for three years. On his return to Illinois he located in McHenry county, where he spent a few years, and then removed to Sioux City, Iowa, in the spring of 1869, but in 1870 he took up his residence in Charter Oak township, Crawford county. Although but a poor boy, without money or friends, he was ambitious and with indomitable courage, to which was added his desire to succeed in some branch of worthy industry, he began his labors behind the plow and such was his industry, combined with economy, that he was able to save enough from his earnings to purchase a one hundred and



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twenty acre farm on section 14, Charter Oak township. It was wild, rough prairie land, but he began at once to break and cultivate it, built a small home for himself and shelter for his stock and then started farming on his own behalf. His success was assured from the first and from time to time, as his circumstances would allow, he added to his holdings until he became the possessor of twelve hundred acres of highly improved land in Charter Oak township. He subsequently disposed of four hundred acres on section 10, but still retains eight hundred acres on different sections in Charter Oak township. While he still followed general farming he made a specialty of feeding cattle for the market, his disposals amounting to as high as one thousand head per annum. He was also interested in hogs and fattened hundreds of them for the market every year. In 1909, having decided to retire from active farm life, he purchased a home in Charter Oak and there moved his family but still continues to personally manage his extensive estates as well as to supervise other interests with which he is connected. He owns a majority of stock in the Peoples Store at Charter Oak and holds the responsible position of president of the Farmers Bank in that city.

Mr. Marshall has been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Dora Comstock, of Denison, Iowa, whose parents were natives of New York state, born near Albany. As pioneers they moved to Denison in 1856, the father buying his first farm from H. C. Laub, who preceded them a few years and who died recently. Mr. Comstock engaged in the milling business and farming until his death, which occurred in 1872, his wife dying in 1862.

The children of this first marriage are as follows: Celia, who married John Hart, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Elgia, now Mrs. Stark, of Charter Oak; Harriet, who became the wife of Gus Peters, of Charter Oak; Nellie, who is now Mrs. Fitzpatrick and resides in Nevada; Lena who married W. L. Smith, of Lane, South Dakota; Jessie Belle and Mabel, with their brothers on the farm in Charter Oak township; Martha, the wife of John Jacobsen, of Charter Oak; Iona, who is the wife of S. Jones and lives in Charter Oak; C. T., Jr., born August 20, 1890; and C. J., born February 19, 1892. The last two are living at home. The death of Mrs. Marshall occurred in 1903.

The second marriage of Mr. Marshall took place May 29, 1905, when he was united to Mrs. Judith (Maloney) Mathews, of Denison, a daughter of A. D. and Bridget (Shearnan) Maloney, natives of Queens and Longford counties, Ireland, respectively, the father having been born February 28, 1819, and the mother's birth occurring March 28, 1835. Mr. Maloney emigrated to the United States in 1836 and Mrs. Maloney arrived in this country in 1842 when but seven years of age. They both located in Lexington, Kentucky, and were there married in 1854. He held the position of division superintendent of the Lexington & Covington Railroad and continued thus employed until 1861, when he removed to Denison, Iowa, and purchased the homestead at present occupied by Mrs. Maloney and which is one of the landmarks of the town. Both she and her husband were reared in the Roman Catholic faith and in this house the first Catholic services were held, as there was at that time no church in Denison. For some time after coming to Iowa Mr. Maloney engaged in farming and at one time owned several hundred acres of land. His death occurred

in Denison in 1888. By her first union Mrs. Marshall became the mother of two daughters, namely: Cecil, the wife of Mr. Nichols, superintendent of the manual training department in a school at South Omaha, Nebraska; and Marie, who is teaching school in Omaha. Mrs. Marshall was born February 28, 1855, and has two sisters: Catherine, the widow of D. O. Johnson, of Charter Oak; and Mary, who is Mrs. Ed. Phelan and resides in Omaha.

In his political views Mr. Marshall has always been an earnest and conscientious supporter of republican principles and has ever held the interests of his party at heart. He has taken an active part in local affairs, was for several years township trustee and for thirty years held the office of township treasurer, a record of which any man may well be proud, attesting, as it does, not only his efficiency as a business man, but also the confidence in which he is held by the residents of the community in which he resides. As a member of the school board for many years he materially assisted in advancing the educational facilities in his township. The salient factors in the prosperity of Mr. Marshall have been tireless energy and honesty of purpose, combined with everyday common sense, and his life record should serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration to others, showing what may be accomplished when one has the will to do and the courage to overcome all obstacles that beset life's pathway.

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#### L. LAFAYETTE BOND, M. D.

Dr. L. Lafayette Bond, a leading physician and surgeon of Denison, has practiced his profession in Crawford county for the past thirty-six years. His birth occurred in Harrison county, West Virginia, on the 14th of August, 1841, his parents being Richard C. and Eliza A. (Grant) Bond, who were likewise natives of that state. Abel Bond, the paternal grandfather, was also born in Virginia and came of English descent. He was an agriculturist by occupation and served as a major in the Revolutionary war. Unto him and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Powers, were born the following children: Polly, Richard C., Levi, Hannah, Thomas, Elnathan, Augustus, Sarah, Samuel and Louis. The maternal grandfather of our subject was likewise a native of Virginia and became a slaveholder and planter.

Richard C. Bond, the father of L. Lafayette Bond, was a Baptist minister of the old school. In 1846 he journeyed westward to Rock county, Wisconsin, becoming a pioneer preacher of Lima, that state. He took up a homestead near Lima Center in Rock county and subsequently purchased three eighty acre tracts of land near what is Milton Junction from Polly Goodrich, one of the earliest settlers of the locality. There he spent the remainder of his life, passing away on the 20th of January, 1910, when ninety-seven years of age. His wife was called to her final rest in 1896 when in the seventy-sixth year of her age. They were the parents of four children, two sons and two daughters, as follows: Arthur G., who is deceased; L. Lafayette, of this review; Mary M., who is deceased, as is also her husband, John W. Meyers; and Louisa, who died in infancy.

L. Lafayette Bond was a little lad of five years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Wisconsin: They traveled by boat from Wheeling, West Virginia, to Galena, Illinois, where they met Abel Bond, the grandfather of our subject, who escorted them to his home. Mr. Bond of this review remained on the farm until twenty-one years of age. He obtained his early education in the district schools and subsequently attended Milton College. At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, in May, 1861, he endeavored to enter the Union army but was rejected because he was a minor and did not have the consent of his parents. In September, 1861, he enlisted with a number of the students of Milton College, joining Company K, Thirteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and rendezvousing at Janesville, Wisconsin. With that command he remained for three years and three months, holding the rank of sergeant. His was the First Brigade of the Fourth Division of the Twentieth Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, under General Thomas. He participated in the battles of Clarksville, Tennessee, Fort Donelson and Chickamauga and acquitted himself in a highly creditable manner.

After returning home he pursued a course of study in Bryant & Stratton Business College of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but later determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work and entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which institution he was graduated in 1870. The first five years of his professional career were spent at Welton, Iowa, where he also taught school during four winter terms in order to add to his income. In 1875 he came to Westside, Crawford county, Iowa, and there practiced medicine successfully until 1899, which year witnessed his arrival in Denison. Here he has remained continuously since, enjoying a lucrative and constantly growing practice. He has been surgeon for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company since 1883 and is widely recognized as a skilled and able representative of his calling. He is a member of the Crawford County Medical Society, the Missouri Valley Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American Association of Railway Surgeons and the Association of the Northwestern Railroad Surgeons, thus keeping in close touch with the advancement made by the profession.

Dr. Bond has been married twice. On the 20th of November, 1868, he wedded Miss Elnora E. Hamilton, a native of Alfred Center, New York, and a daughter of Edward and Melissa (Burdick) Hamilton. By that union there were two children, namely: Lulu E., who died of diphtheria when nine years of age; and Frederic H., an attorney by profession, who was a graduate of the law department of the Iowa State University in 1895 and passed away on the 28th of November, 1908. He had wedded Miss Ada Hawkins, of Fonda, Iowa, and at his death left a widow and three children. The demise of Mrs. Elnora E. Bond occurred in 1893, when she had attained the age of forty-six years, her remains being interred in the Bond family lot at Milton, Wisconsin. For his second wife Dr. Bond chose Mrs. Fannie Harrison, the widow of Captain William Harrison and a daughter of John Hutson. She passed away in 1906 in the faith of the Methodist church, of which she had been a valued and devoted member.

Dr. Bond gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a most loyal and public-spirited citizen. He served as mayor of West Side for a number of years and also acted as president of the West Side school board for some years. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., and likewise to the Eastern Star. He maintains the strictest conformity to the highest professional ethics and enjoys in full measure the confidence and respect of his professional brethren as well as of the general public.

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#### GRANT LEROY CASWELL.

Grant Leroy Caswell, editor of the Denison Bulletin, in which connection he is publishing a paper of progressive character, was born in Boone county, Iowa, July 18, 1869. His father, Lebeus Addison Caswell, was a native of Maine, as was his father, who was also of English descent. The ancestors of the family came to America prior to the Revolutionary war, four brothers sailing from England to the new world, two settling in Maine and two in Massachusetts. The grandfather was a farmer and inventor, and his inventive genius was displayed in the first corn planter in the United States. He remained a resident of the east until his death, which occurred when he had reached an advanced age. Among his children were David, Lebeus, Mary and Mrs. Frances Oakes.

L. A. Caswell was reared in the Pine Tree state, acquired his education in New England and afterward engaged in the operation of a sawmill. More than a half century ago, however, he made his way to the middle west, settling at Albert Lea, Minnesota, and afterward at Boonesboro, Iowa, where he operated a sawmill and engaged in the lumber business. He was a resident of that locality from 1864 until 1882. He married Louisa Loomis, a native of Erie, Pennsylvania. Her father, a Methodist preacher, died when about sixty years of age, after rearing a large family, including Mrs. Emma Ward, William, Mrs. Louisa Caswell, and others whose names are not remembered. At the time of his death L. A. Caswell was one of the oldest Odd Fellows in Iowa, having been a member of the order for fifty-one years. He passed away in 1908, at the age of seventy-eight years, and his wife died in 1900, when about sixty-five years of age. They were the parents of seven children, five sons and two daughters: Lulu, the wife of Lorenzo F. Chapin, of Pasadena, California; Carl F., a resident of Coon Rapids, Iowa; Fannie, the wife of P. Scanlan, of Chicago; Grant L., of this review; Ned W., of San Francisco, California; Norval, of Coon Rapids; and Judd J.

Grant L. Caswell was reared in his native county and began his education in the schools of Moingona, while later he continued his studies in Ogden, in Boone, and in Coon Rapids. After putting aside his text-books he began learning the printer's trade at Coon Rapids and has been connected with the business continuously since. He at first worked mornings and evenings without compensation, but soon his ability enabled him to command good wages. He was

fifteen years of age when he left home and was employed as a tradesman from 1883 until 1889. He then purchased the paper on which he was working—the Ashton Argus—at Ashton, Iowa, and published it for two years. Prominent political leaders of Iowa at Sibley then offered him inducements to locate there and take charge of the Sibley Tribune in company with W. P. Webster. He remained at that place for six years, at the end of which time he purchased the Rock Rapids Review in connection with L. F. Chapin, with whom he was associated for a year. He next came to Denison on the 1st of December, 1897, and purchased the Denison Bulletin and has since been its editor and publisher, making this one of the leading journals in this part of the state. The paper was established in 1873 as a democratic weekly and has a good circulation, together with a gratifying advertising patronage. Mr. Caswell also conducts a job printing business and in 1910 he erected a handsome brick building, a two-story and basement structure, today the home of the Bulletin. It is well equipped according to the most modern ideas of newspaper publication, and the paper is an attractive sheet.

On the 6th of May, 1891, Mr. Caswell married Miss Eva Clark, a native of Grinnell, Iowa, and a daughter of James W. and Jane (Gast) Clark, who for about a quarter of a century have been residents of Ashton, Iowa, where Mr. Clark, a most prominent citizen, has filled the office of mayor for twenty years. Mr. and Mrs. Caswell are parents of four children: Carl Clark, Flora B., Paul H. and Donald Leroy, the eldest being now a student in the college at Iowa City.

Mr. Caswell belongs to Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., in Denison, and Ark Chapter, No. 99, R. A. M., at Dunlap. He is also an active member of Dowdall Lodge, K. P., and has membership relations with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Woodmen of the World and the Improved Order of Red Men. In politics he has always been a democrat and both personally and through the columns of his paper has labored for the interests of the party and the adoption of its principles.

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#### JACOB SIMS.

Jacob Sims, of Denison, is an able representative of the legal fraternity and has built up an enviable and distinctively representative clientage. His birth occurred in Dodgeville, Wisconsin, on the 30th of November, 1850, his parents being James and Ann (Harris) Sims, both of whom were natives of Cornwall, England. His paternal grandfather, who was likewise born in Cornwall, England, worked in the tin mines there and passed away in that country in middle life. Among his children were the following named: James, John, William and Thomas. Simsbury, Connecticut, now a large manufacturing town, was founded by and named in honor of a representative of the family. The maternal grandfather of our subject, who spent his entire life in England, worked as a tin miner and passed away in middle life. He was the father of a large family of children, including Ann, Elizabeth, John, William, Samuel, Mark, Joseph and Jacob.

James Sims, the father of Jacob Sims, was a Methodist minister and a pioneer preacher in Wisconsin. The year 1845 witnessed his emigration to America and it was at Dodgeville, Wisconsin, that he first took up his abode. He was an itinerant preacher, riding horseback and carrying his saddlebags while a circuit rider among the pioneers. He had a number of charges in Wisconsin and was a member of the West Wisconsin Conference from the time of its organization, while previously he had been connected with the Wisconsin Conference, spending thirty-six years altogether in the active ministry in that state. Coming to Iowa in 1890, he spent the remainder of his life in Council Bluffs, passing away in 1909 at the age of eighty-six years. His wife was called to her final rest on the 12th of October, 1910, when in the eighty-fifth year of her age. Unto them were born ten children, three sons and seven daughters, as follows: Jacob, of this review; Mary A., the widow of W. E. Bainbridge, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Susan, the wife of F. D. Hamilton, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Jennie, who is a resident of Council Bluffs; Sadie, who is deceased; Cora, the wife of George Bell, of Montfort, Wisconsin; May, who is a teacher in the public schools of Council Bluffs; Lena, the wife of J. M. Sylvester, of Washington, D. C.; and two who died in early childhood.

Jacob Sims remained under the parental roof until about twenty years of age and obtained his more advanced education in Lawrence University of Appleton, Wisconsin, from which institution he was graduated in 1874. Becoming identified with educational interests, he acted as a high school principal at Oconto, Wisconsin, for one year and then went to Milwaukee, where he had editorial charge of the *Christian Statesman* for a short time. In October, 1875, he removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and purchased the *Citizen*, a weekly journal which he published for two and a half years. On the expiration of that period he went to Council Bluffs, Iowa, and took up the study of law, being admitted to the bar on the 4th of January, 1879. At Council Bluffs he followed his profession successfully until January, 1908, when he came to Denison, where he has resided continuously since, enjoying a lucrative and growing practice. For a number of years prior to his removal here he had been coming to Denison on legal business. His success in a professional way affords the best evidence of his capabilities in this line. He is a strong advocate with the jury and concise in his appeals before the court. Much of the success which has attended him in his professional career is undoubtedly due to the fact that in no instance will he permit himself to go into court with a case unless he has absolute confidence in the justice of his client's cause. Basing his efforts on this principle, from which there are far too many lapses in professional ranks, it naturally follows that he seldom loses a case in whose support he is enlisted.

On the 11th of January, 1887, Mr. Sims was united in marriage to Miss Anna H. Squire, a native of Rockford, Illinois, and a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Keeling) Squire. Their children are five in number, namely: James D., Mariana, Katharine, Marjorie and John Alan Sims. The three older children are students in the university at Iowa City, while the two younger ones are attending the high school at Denison.

Mr. Sims is a republican in politics and has served as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, having joined the

order at Council Bluffs about twenty years ago. Both he and his wife were reared in the Methodist faith but are now members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Sims is a man of many friends, his genial manner, unfailing courtesy and unfeigned cordiality gaining him the high regard of those with whom he is brought in contact.

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### J. F. HARTHUN.

J. F. Harthun needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for his work as educator and editor has made him widely known. He is now publishing the *Denison Zeitung*, and its editorial writings indicate the wide range of his thought and investigation. Like a considerable proportion of Crawford county's valued citizenship he is of German birth. He was born in Christfelde, in the province of Westpreussen, Germany, February 14, 1845, and was one of five children of Ludwig and Johanna (Frank) Harthun who were likewise natives of Germany. The father was a miller by trade as was his father before him, who made milling his life work and was killed in his mill, becoming caught in a wheel. His son, Ludwig Harthun, was engaged in the milling business for a number of years and later turned his attention to farming, which he followed in Germany up to the time of his death in 1872, when he was sixty-five years of age. His wife was one of a family of five daughters. Their parents were farming people and their father died in Germany at an advanced age. Mrs. Harthun passed away in Germany in 1888 at the age of seventy-two years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harthun were members of the Lutheran church. Unto their marriage were born two sons and three daughters: Otto; Julius F.; Matilda, deceased, who was the wife of Ludwig Jarchow; Alvine, who died in young womanhood; and Ludowike.

Julius F. Harthun spent his youth in the land of his nativity and acquired an academical education, being graduated in 1867. He afterward took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in his native land until 1873, although in the meantime he served as a soldier in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-1. He has a medal which he received in that country when a soldier and another that was presented to him on the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Emperor William I.

In 1873 J. F. Harthun sailed for the United States and settled in New York, where he remained for four years, during which time he taught in a German private school and also gave instruction in three or four other schools. Subsequently he went to Detroit, Michigan, where for two years he was a teacher in a German academy. He was then elected principal of a school at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he continued his educational labors for four years, after which he was offered a position in Omaha, where a new school had been opened. He continued as its principal for four years and in 1885 came to Denison where he taught school for three years. In 1888 he purchased the *Denison Zeitung* and is still editing the paper, of which he has made an attractive journal, devoted to the discussion of local and general news. It is published



in accordance with progressive ideas in newspaper work and is accorded a good circulation.

In October, 1871, Mr. Harthun was married to Miss Alvine Daer, a daughter of August and Charlotte (Schuelke) Daer. Mrs. Harthun was born in Germany where her parents lived and died. She became, by her marriage, the mother of ten children: Herman, who married Blanch Burks and is a traveling man, living in Omaha; Anna and Julius, both at home; Hugo, of Kansas City, Missouri, who married Birdie Lang and has two children, Robert and Dorothy; Heinrich, at home; and five who are now deceased.

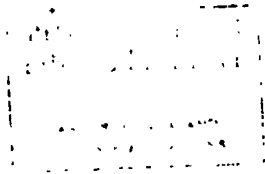
The mother passed away October 25, 1907, at the age of sixty-five years. She was a lady of many excellent qualities and a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Harthun still holds membership in that church and belongs to various associations. He was the founder of the German Odd Fellows lodge in Denison called Sidonia Lodge, No. 393, of which he was the first noble grand. He became a member of the order on his birthday, joining Goethe Lodge, No. 112, I. O. O. F., of Fond du Lac. He is likewise president of the German Soldiers Society in Denison called the Landwehrverein and is president of the Deutsche Bruederschaft, which means German Brotherhood. He has been the leader of four singing societies at Denison, Charter Oak, West Side and Manning Association, and he is the financial secretary of the Westlichen Kriegerbund. He likewise belongs to the German Press Association and has much more than local reputation as an orator, having made many speeches throughout the country, even appearing in support of a political measure and again at the graves of friends. He possesses both eloquence and natural oratorical ability, and on such occasions, as well as in his editorials, proves himself a clear thinker and cogent reasoner.

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### INGEMAR LIND.

Thirty-seven years ago Ingemar Lind came to Crawford county and he has ever since been closely connected with its agricultural interests. He is now the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres and has acquired a standing as one of the representative men of the county. He was born in Sweden, June 10, 1849, a son of Nils I. and Ingri M. Lind, both of whom were born in Sweden. They came to America in 1857, and spent three years in Chicago, after which they made their home for fourteen years in Monroe county, Wisconsin, moving in 1874 to Crawford county, Iowa. Here they continued during the remainder of their lives, the mother being called away in August, 1900, and the father in January, 1905.

Ingemar Lind was their only child. He came with them to the United States at the age of eight years and received his education in the public schools of Chicago and Wisconsin. He continued with his parents until after their deaths and since reaching manhood has diligently applied himself to agriculture and stock-raising. He is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land on Section 1, Otter Creek township, and forty acres in Sac county, Iowa. He engages





**MR. AND MRS. INGEMAR LIND**



MR. AND MRS. NILS I. LIND



extensively in the cultivation of grain and also in feeding stock, both branches of his business proving very profitable. Being an excellent judge of stock, Mr. Lind is seldom in error as to the value of an animal and he usually succeeds in obtaining the highest prices that are quoted in the market.

In October, 1881, Mr. Lind was united in marriage to Miss Brita Thumstrom, a native of Sweden and a daughter of Carl P. and Brita K. Thumstrom, both of whom were also born in that country. They came to America in 1889 and located in Crawford county, Iowa, the father passing away here August 23, 1903, and the mother on March 26, 1909. There were four children in their family. Nine children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lind, namely: Hannah, who was born February 20, 1883, and is the wife of Alfred Danielson, of Sac county, Iowa; Nels, who was born February 13, 1884, and is a mail carrier of Kiron Iowa; Charles P., born July 9, 1885, living at home; Mary M., who was born September 30, 1886, and died August 6, 1888; Lydia, who was born February 19, 1888, and is now the wife of S. W. Lundstrom, of Crawford county; Mary M., born December 1, 1889; George, born January 28, 1893; John, born January 23, 1895, and Esther, born February 23, 1897, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Lind has from his youth been accustomed to work, having early been taught by his parents the importance and value of labor. He has applied himself to excellent advantage and enjoys a measure of prosperity which he richly merits, as it is the direct result of his own efforts. He and his wife are identified with the Lutheran church and politically he supports the republican party. He is a good friend of education and has served most acceptably for two terms as a member of the school board.

#### JOHN B. ROMANS.

John B. Romans, who was called to his final rest on the 7th of December, 1910, was one of the pioneer settlers of Denison and for many years was widely recognized as a prominent resident of the city. His birth occurred in Harrison county, Ohio, on the 6th of September, 1842, and he lived to reach the sixty-eighth milestone on life's journey. His parents, Elisha and Elizabeth Romans, both came from old Quaker families. In 1856 he accompanied them on their removal to Clinton county, Iowa, where his father engaged in farming with flattering prospects of success. Within a year or two, however, on account of the panic of 1857 and on account of obligations created by him which he expected to meet by payments to be made to him for property which he had sold on time, and the failure of the purchasers to make such payments, his remaining property was sacrificed and he lost practically everything he had. He then rented a farm and started anew but soon afterward, in March, 1858, his death occurred, leaving our subject, then sixteen years of age, the eldest child in the family.

The other children were as follows: Catherine, who married George F. Goudie, now living at Miller, South Dakota; Ann, who gave her hand in marriage to E. F. Councilman, now living at Seney, Iowa; Hannah, who became the

wife of Charles B. Eaton, of Manchester, Iowa; Lewis, who now lives in Denison; Robert A., who recently removed from Denison to Aberdeen, South Dakota, to engage in the banking business; and Eva, who is deceased.

The entire charge of the family after the father's demise devolved upon John B. Romans and he did not for a moment shirk the responsibility of taking his father's place in providing for his widowed mother and his younger brothers and sisters. In a short time, by his industry and economy, he had saved enough capital with which to purchase an eighty-acre farm, on which the family lived for several years. His mother afterward came to Crawford county, passing away at Charter Oak on the 27th of February, 1889.

As John B. Romans grew to manhood he became imbued with ambition for an education and for a portion of four years he attended the State University at Iowa City, where he applied himself diligently to his studies, being obliged to work his way through college. Soon after leaving Iowa City he came to Crawford county, where at the age of twenty-six he was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Laub, a daughter of the Hon. H. C. Laub, then the leading merchant and business man of the county. The young couple spent the first year of their married life on the farm with Mrs. Romans and then returned to Denison, where for three years our subject was employed in the mercantile establishment of Mr. Laub. At the end of that time he formed a partnership with his employer, the business being conducted under the firm style of Laub & Romans. This relation was maintained until 1884, when Mr. Laub was succeeded by Robert A. Romans, who remained a member of the firm until 1890, after which J. B. Romans continued the business alone. Several years later the business was incorporated under the name of J. B. Romans Company, B. J. Sibbert and others taking stock in the concern, and has been conducted as such continuously since, although Mr. Romans closed out his interest in the company four or five years prior to his demise. During his active career he was one of the most prominent factors in the business affairs of Denison.

The following is an excerpt from an obituary appearing in one of the local papers at the time of his death. "The extensive business which he conducted brought him in contact with almost every person in the county and it is safe to say that he enjoyed as wide and favorable an acquaintance as any other business man living here during all this time. Mr. Romans was a man whose counsel and advice were sought at all times by those who were interested in the development of Denison and the county. No meeting was ever called to consider improvements of a public nature that Mr. Romans was not present and his advice eagerly sought. He always stood ready to contribute his share, in a financial way, in support of any improvement of a public character.

"He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his labors and influence were a tower of strength in building up and maintaining the church. He was for many years, and until his death, one of the trustees and a member of the board of stewards of the church and frequently attended the Des Moines annual conference as a delegate from the church here. He was also prominent in the work of raising the money for building the normal college here and one of the best friends of the school after it was established. From the beginning

he was a member of the board of directors of the institution. For several years he was a member of the board of trustees of the public schools of Denison and always diligent in the discharge of his official duties.

"Politically, until 1896, he was a supporter of the republican party and prominent in its councils, locally and in the state at large. He was not satisfied to simply be a republican but was an enthusiastic worker in aiding in carrying the party forward to victory. Each year he joined other speakers in making a canvass of the county, his voice having been heard in the schoolhouses and other places of meeting here. He was chairman of the republican county central committee up to and including the year 1895. In 1896 he was won over, as were many other republicans, to Mr. Bryan and free silver and became what was then known as a 'free silver republican.' He was nominated by the democrats and free silver republicans in that year for congress in this district and made the race against Hon. J. P. Dolliver but failed in the election. After the election of President McKinley as president that year, Mr. Romans gradually drifted into the democratic party and for several years he was easily the leader of the party in this county, being not only prominent in county politics but a potent factor in the management of the party in the state. Of late years Mr. Romans has been practically out of business and out of politics."

Mr. Romans' first wife passed away on the 9th of July, 1900, her death being the result of the explosion of a gasoline stove. She was a woman of superior ambition and energy and a leader in all movements looking toward the uplift of her sex. By her marriage she became the mother of four children, namely: Harry, who is deceased; Lydia Maude; Ione, now Mrs. Lane H. Goodman, of Sioux City, Iowa; and Junia, now Mrs. M. J. McAhren, of Denison.

On the 29th of December, 1901, Mr. Romans was united in marriage to Mrs. Christine Snyder, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and a daughter of C. C. and Anna (Whittaker) Mason, both of whom were born in Leeds, England. The father, who was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, emigrated to America at an early day, settling first in the New England states. In 1860 he removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and his demise occurred at Racine, that state, in 1864. Five years later his wife was called to her final rest. They were the parents of six children, of whom Mrs. Romans is now the only survivor. At the early age of fifteen years she had lost both of her parents and, being thus thrown upon her own resources, began teaching school. In 1870, in Janesville, Wisconsin, she gave her hand in marriage to Benjamin Snyder, who was a native of Dutchess county, New York. Their union was blessed with two sons: Albert, who is now engaged in business at Creston, Iowa; and Harry, who is also a resident of Creston. Mr. Snyder died in September, 1889, and was buried at Creston, Iowa.

Mrs. Romans now owns a third interest in the estate of John B. Romans, which is valued at over one hundred thousand dollars. She has a beautiful residence in the city of Denison. In Eastern Star Lodge, No. 207, she has filled all of the chairs from matron down and she also belongs to several clubs at Denison. She is possessed of unusual ability and tact and has filled numerous positions of responsibility to the credit of herself and friends. She held the



position of state president of the Women's Relief Corps and was urged to make the race for national president but declined. Her many excellent traits of heart and mind have endeared her to all with whom she has come in contact and therefore she has a host of warm friends.

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### T. J. RULE.

T. J. Rule, a well known and representative agriculturist of Paradise township, was born in Spring Rock township, Clinton county, Iowa, on the 14th of February, 1860, his parents being George and Ellen Lucretia (Columbus) Rule. The father, a native of Scotland, emigrated to Canada when twelve or fifteen years old and subsequently took up his abode in Coldwater, Michigan. In 1854 he assisted his father in erecting a mill in Spring Rock township, Clinton county, Iowa, and afterward removed to Alden, Hardin county, Iowa, where he purchased a mill. In 1875 he went to De Witt, Iowa, and in the fall of 1876 came to Crawford county, locating in Dow City. He bought the old hotel site and a half interest in a mill and made his home in Dow City until 1879, when he removed to the farm on which our subject now resides in Paradise township. He erected commodious and substantial buildings and lived thereon until called to his final rest in 1892. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and in 1872 he represented Clinton county in the state legislature. He also held a number of minor offices, ever discharging his public duties in a most prompt and capable manner. In religious faith he was a Baptist, while fraternally he was identified with the Masons, belonging to the Shrine and being probably one of the best known representatives of the craft in this part of the state. He was also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

It was while a resident of Canada that George Rule wedded Miss Ellen L. Columbus, who was a native of that country. Mrs. Rule continued on the farm until 1893, when she took up her abode in Dow City, remaining there for two years. On the expiration of that period she returned to the old home place but in 1905 once more removed to Dow City, where she has resided continuously since. She was the mother of nine children, as follows: William, who is engaged in the milling business at Rutland, Iowa; Agnes, the wife of E. V. Goddard, of Dow City, Iowa; John, who is a resident of St. Anthony, Idaho; George, living in Lake View, Iowa; T. J., of this review; Ellen Mary, who makes her home in Dow City, Iowa; A. L., who is engaged in the hardware business at Red Oak, Iowa; Lincoln, a resident of Boone, Iowa, who is employed as conductor by the Northwestern Railroad Company; and Anna, who is deceased.

T. J. Rule was reared under the parental roof and obtained his education in the schools of his native county. Since his father's demise he has operated the old homestead farm of two hundred and forty-five acres in Paradise township and also owns and cultivates an additional tract of forty-five acres. Under his careful supervision the property has been brought to a high state of cultivation and improvement and the well tilled fields annually yield bounteous harvests which find a ready sale on the market.

On the 20th of December, 1892, Mr. Rule was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Davie, by whom he had seven children, namely: Herbert; Robert; Vera, who is deceased; Warren; Jesse; Margaret; and Thomas.

In politics Mr. Rule is a republican, while fraternially he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Dow City, Iowa. His life has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact either in business or social circles.

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#### REV. JOHN JAMES DE PREE.

Rev. John James De Pree, a well known and highly respected resident of Denison, has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church here since 1907. His birth occurred at Spring Lake, Michigan, on the 29th of February, 1876, his parents being Rev. James and Johanna (Bolks) De Pree, natives of the Netherlands. His paternal grandfather was John De Pree, also a native of the Netherlands, who was a carpenter by trade. He emigrated to the United States in 1847, settling at Zeeland, Michigan, where he worked at carpentering. He acted as an elder during the entire period of his residence there and has given to the church two sons and six grandsons and granddaughters as ministers and missionaries. His demise occurred when he had attained the age of eighty-one years, while his wife was about seventy-five when called to her final rest. They had seven children who grew to maturity, namely: Dena, Peter, Dirk, Lena, John, James and Jane.

Rev. Seine Bolks, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was likewise a native of the Netherlands and in his youth was employed as a shepherd. He came to the United States in 1849, settling in Michigan and living principally in the vicinity of Holland, that state. He was the pioneer preacher there, being the first pastor at Overisel, Michigan, while subsequently he had charges in Chicago, South Chicago and Milwaukee. He was also the first pastor of the Dutch Reformed church in Sioux county, Iowa, at Orange City, where he passed away at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Gertrude Brower and was likewise born in the Netherlands, was sixty-seven years old at the time of her demise. They were the parents of four children who reached mature years, namely: Albert, Garrett, Johanna and Simon.

Rev. James De Pree, the father of the gentleman whose name introduces this review, was reared as a farm boy in Michigan and later taught school in order to defray the expenses of an advanced education. He graduated from Hope College of Holland, Michigan, in 1867 and in 1870 completed the course in the Western Theological Seminary at that place. First he served as pastor in the Spring Lake Dutch Reformed church and then removed to Sioux Center, Iowa, where he preached in the Dutch Reformed church for exactly thirty years. At the present time he is pastor of the Dutch Reformed church at North Yakima, Washington. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: Lena, now the wife of G. Boeyink, of Sioux Center, Iowa; Dr. Seine de Pree, of Sioux Center; John James, of this review; Gertrude, the wife of Henry

Evenhuis, of North Yakima, Washington; Neal, who is a resident of Sioux Center; and Albert, living in North Yakima, Washington.

Rev. John James De Pree, who was a little lad of four years when taken by his parents to Sioux county, Iowa, grew to manhood in Sioux Center and obtained his early education in the country schools. He completed the course in the Northwestern Classical Academy at Orange City, Iowa, in 1895, graduated from Hope College of Holland, Michigan, with the class of 1899 and in 1903 finished his studies in Princeton Seminary. His first pastorate was at Alta, Iowa, where he remained from 1903 until 1907, which year witnessed his arrival in Denison. For the past four years he has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church here and his labors have proven a potent element in the moral development of the community.

On the 9th of September, 1903, Rev. De Pree was joined in wedlock to Miss Marie K. Boer, a native of Albany, New York, and a daughter of Rev. H. K. and Mary (Kroon) Boer, the former a native of the Netherlands and the latter of Michigan. They are now residents of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and are the parents of four daughters who grew to maturity: Jeanette, Antoinette, Marie and Charlotte. Rev. De Pree and his wife have two sons, Donald and Wilbur Henry.

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#### A. J. BOND.

A. J. Bond, commonly known as "Juddy" Bond, is successfully engaged in business as the proprietor of an undertaking establishment at Denison and also handles pianos and organs. His birth occurred in Springfield, Massachusetts, on the 15th of October, 1846, his parents being Eli Daniel and Selah (Seagrave) Bond, who were likewise natives of that state. His paternal grandfather, who was also born in Massachusetts, came of English origin. He participated in the war of 1812. Unto him and his wife were born four children, namely: Elias, Daniel, Benjamin and Edwin. The maternal grandfather of our subject was likewise a native of Massachusetts and came of English ancestry.

Eli Daniel Bond, the father of A. J. Bond, was a stone and brick mason and also worked at plastering. He removed to Michigan about 1851, settling in Petersburg, Monroe county, where his demise occurred in 1861, when he had attained the age of fifty-three years. His wife was called to her final rest in March, 1863, at the age of forty-eight years. Both were Baptists in religious faith. They were the parents of four sons and a daughter, as follows: Albert F.; Selina J., the wife of E. S. Plimpton, now deceased; A. J., of this review; Edwin E., who died when about thirteen years of age; and George W. S., who is a resident of Eureka, California.

A. J. Bond, whose name introduces this review, accompanied his parents on their removal to Michigan and resided there until March, 1863, arriving in Denison, Iowa, April 4, 1863, when sixteen years of age. He entered the employ of H. C. Laub and when a call was made for eight volunteers from

Crawford county enlisted in Company I, Thirty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, being mustered in at Fort Dodge, Iowa. With that command he served until the close of hostilities between the north and the south, returning home in May, 1866. He participated in the battle of Fort De Rusa and was under fire during the greater part of the time consumed in going up the Red River. He next went to Lake Charcott in Arkansas and thence followed General Price on his raid through Missouri. Being then ordered to Nashville, he took part in the two days' fight there, next went across to Eastport and thence to New Orleans. On leaving that city he went to Mobile and participated in the engagements at Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely. He served as a private during the entire period of his enlistment and participated in many skirmishes, proving at all times a brave and loyal soldier. When the war had ended he returned home and worked as a plasterer in association with his brother until 1871. He then secured a position as clerk with Samuel Sprecher and a year later, owing to Mr. Sprecher's death, took charge of the store as manager. He purchased the building and subsequently admitted M. H. Hendricks to a partnership, conducting a grocery establishment under the style of Bond & Hendricks for about two years. On the expiration of that period he sold out to Mr. Hendricks and entered the employ of E. S. Plimpton as a clerk, holding that position for eleven years. While thus engaged he also devoted some attention to undertaking and while in Mr. Plimpton's service embarked in the furniture and undertaking business on his own account, being associated with his brother George under the firm style of Bond Brothers. After disposing of his interest to his brother he purchased the jewelry and music store of S. H. Clawson, conducting it for ten or eleven years. At the end of that time he sold his stock to E. C. Chamberlin with the exception of the pianos and organs, which instruments he still handles. On the retirement of his brother George he again entered the undertaking business and has since conducted an enterprise of that character with excellent success.

On the 18th of April, 1872, Mr. Bond was united in marriage to Miss Lucy G. Harris, who was born in Monroe county, Michigan, on the 16th of November, 1849, and who was an old schoolmate of his. Her parents, Henry and Betsy B. (Bedient) Harris, were both natives of New York. They took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Monroe county, Michigan, Mr. Harris entering land from the government. His demise there occurred in 1871 when he was more than eighty years of age. His widow came to Denison, Iowa, and here passed away at the age of seventy-six. One of her brothers was more than one hundred years old at the time of his demise. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bond were born two children, namely: Elva Dell, who is a kindergarten teacher in the public schools of Denison; and Edward H., who died on the 27th of May, 1906, when thirty-two years of age. Miss Elva Dell Bond is a Daughter of the American Revolution, her ancestors having participated in the war for independence.

Mr. Bond is a republican in politics, being a staunch supporter of the party which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He served as township clerk for a period of twenty years and also acted as assessor for many years or until he resigned. He is a member of John A. Logan Post,

No. 58, G. A. R., and also belongs to Dowdall Lodge, No. 90, Knights of Pythias. In religious faith both he and his wife are Methodists. The period of his residence in Denison covers almost a half century and he enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance here.

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#### HON. RUDOLPH C. H. LEHFELDT.

The history of Crawford county would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make prominent reference to the Hon. Rudolph Carl Henry Lehfelddt, whom his fellow townsmen have honored with election to the office of state senator. His record as a business man is at the same time worthy of earnest consideration as showing what may be accomplished by determination and energy when guided by sound, practical judgment and characterized by integrity.

Mr. Lehfelddt is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in Curan by Lubeck, December 28, 1840. His grandparents in the paternal line were Joachim and Helena (Schroeder) Lehfelddt, farming people of Germany, and there reared a family of three children: John, Henry and Anna. Of these John Lehfelddt was the father of R. C. H. Lehfelddt and was born in Holstein, Germany, where he learned the distiller's trade. He married Mary Stehn, also a native of Holstein and a daughter of John Stehn, a sheep man of Germany, who spent his entire life there. The death of John Lehfelddt occurred in 1846, when he was sixty-one years of age, while his wife passed away in 1844 at the age of fifty-two years. They were both Lutherans in religious faith. Their family numbered eight children, six sons and two daughters: Henry, deceased; Wilhelm, of Holstein, Germany; Fritz, of Denison, Iowa; Louis, who passed away in Germany; Herman, who also lives in the fatherland; Emma, the wife of Carl Hansen, of Los Angeles, California; Anna, the deceased wife of Herman Braun; and Rudolph C. H., of this review.

The last named was reared in the land of his nativity, attended the public schools and afterward became connected with the sheep industry. In 1870 he came to America, settling near Denison, where he purchased two hundred and thirteen acres of land. For fifteen years he was connected with general agricultural pursuits in this county and in 1885 removed to Montana, residing in the vicinity of Billings until 1890. He then again came to Denison and lived upon the old home farm for a year, after which he purchased the Lafe Goodrich farm of three hundred and ninety-two acres. On this he engaged extensively in feeding sheep until 1901, when he left the farm and erected a beautiful home in Denison, which he still occupies. He yet owns both of his farms and from his property derives a substantial income, but he has sold the sheep business to his sons.

On the 2d of November, 1864, Mr. Lehfelddt was married to Miss Mary Witt, who died in 1873, leaving four children. Ludwig lives in Billings, Montana, and has the following children: Clara, Hilda, Rudolph and Herbert. Herman married Otilia Nerdenenberg, by whom he has five children: Hedwig,



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Martha, Victor, Otilia and Hertha. Olga is the wife of John Schroeder, of Billings, by whom she has three children: Amanda, Walter and Herman. Alvina married Rudolph Molt, also of Billings, and their family consists of three children: Emma, Bertha and Alma. In 1880 Mr. Lehfeldt was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Schroeder, by whom he had one son, William, who wedded Edna Marie Eicker and is now living near Billings, Montana. On the 5th of January, 1894, Mr. Lehfeldt married for his third wife, Miss Sophia Leptien, a daughter of Detleff and Helena (Braach) Leptien. Mrs. Lehfeldt was born in Marengo, Iowa, in the vicinity of which her parents settled at a very early day on coming to this country from Holstein, Germany. They now live in Redlands, California. They were the parents of five children: Fred, Louis, Sophia, Mary and Charlotte. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lehfeldt has also been blessed with five children, as follows: Hertha, Eldor, Martha, Erma and Carl.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Lehfeldt is a republican, well versed on the questions of the day and active in the work of the party. In 1894 he was elected state senator and represented his district during the four succeeding years when the general assembly was in session. He is a self-made man and his is a creditable record, showing what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do. He has never taken advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen but has conducted business interests along progressive lines and prosperity has been the reward. Both he and his wife have a wide acquaintance in the county and their friends are many.

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#### JOSEPH H. MAHONEY.

Joseph H. Mahoney, who holds the responsible position of freight inspector of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, with headquarters in the superintendent's office at Boone, Iowa, was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, May 24, 1866, a son of Timothy and Mary (Hickey) Mahoney. The parents are natives of Ireland, whence they emigrated at an early age and upon arriving in this country located in Wisconsin, where they continued to reside until the spring of 1867, when they came to Iowa and the father followed farming on a quarter section of land in Boone county. Subsequently they removed into Boone city and for the past thirty years have lived in retirement, passing the evening of their lives in peace and contentment and in the enjoyment of the fruits of their early labors. They are both hale and hearty, although the father has passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey, while the mother is but five years his junior. Mr. Mahoney still retains possession of his farm in Boone county.

To this worthy couple have been born ten children, the following of whom are still living: William, who lives in Casper, Wyoming, and is employed as an engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad; Frank, who is connected with the Union Pacific Railroad and resides in Denver, Colorado; Edward, who makes his home in Boone, Iowa; Joseph H., of this review; Dora, who became the wife of P. M. Reilly and lives in Hastings, Nebraska; Mary, who resides



with her parents; Timothy, who is a partner in the law firm of Goodykoontz & Mahoney, located in Boone. The members of the family who are deceased are James, George and John.

The early education of Joseph H. Mahoney was obtained in the district schools and, being a bright scholar as well as an ambitious youth, when but sixteen years old he secured a position as teacher in one of the county schools, working on the farm during the summer months. After being three years thus employed he attended the Iowa State College for one year and then secured a clerkship in the postoffice at Boone, which position he occupied one year. On November 15, 1887, he entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, serving in various minor capacities at the Boone station for seven years and on December 5, 1894, was promoted to the office of station agent at Denison, representing the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, serving in this capacity during the following fifteen years. On December 15, 1909, he was again promoted, this time to the position of freight inspector, with headquarters at Boone, having jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the handling of freight in the territory from Des Moines to Omaha, including the branches of the Sioux City division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. He maintains his residence in Denison, where he owns a comfortable home.

Mr. Mahoney was married June 20, 1898, to Mollie B. Malony, a daughter of Andrew and Bridget (Sherran) Malony, to whom five children were born, those living being as follows: Judith, who married C. S. Marshall, of Charter Oak; Mary, who became the wife of Edward Phalen and lives in Omaha, Nebraska; Kate, who is now living in Denison and is the widow of D. O. Johnson, a former resident of Charter Oak; Mollie, the wife of our subject; and Maggie, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney are the parents of one child, George Andrew, who was born in 1911.

In his political opinions Mr. Mahoney has always given his support to the republican party. In religion he is a member of the Roman Catholic church and fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias. He is a man of strong character, ever faithful to his duties, which he has always performed with an efficiency that has won for him the commendation of his superiors, and socially he possesses the high regard of a wide circle of friends.

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#### THOMAS NORRIS.

Natives of the Emerald isle have ever been known for their thrift and industry, and Mr. Norris is no exception to the rule. His parents, Thomas and Mary (Nash) Norris, were born in County Cork, Ireland, and immigrated to the United States in 1853, locating in South Reading, Massachusetts. In those days there were no five day trips, as are now made by our modern ocean greyhounds, and they spent three months en route in an old sailing vessel. The father resided in South Reading until 1862 and then removed to Delaware county, Iowa, accompanied by all his family with the exception of his son Thomas. There he lived for two years and then removed to Spring Grove

township, Linn county, locating near Troy Mills, but later going to Paris in the same county. He followed the occupation of farming all his life. In religion he was an adherent of the Methodist church and politically was a republican. To Mr. and Mrs. Norris were born six children, as follows: Lucy, the wife of A. Dwindle, of Delaware county, Iowa; Benjamin, living in Central City, Linn county; James, who died in 1892; Thomas, the subject of this sketch; William, who resides in Manchester, Delaware county; and the sixth, who died in infancy.

Thomas Norris, Jr., was born in County Cork, Ireland, April 2, 1851. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Ireland, and when fifteen years old, in 1866, being impressed with the better opportunities in the United States, of which he had heard, he decided to come to this country and embarked on the steamer City of Manchester. Upon his arrival he started at once for Linn county, Iowa, and located at Spring Grove, where he spent two years with his father, later coming to Crawford county. One winter previous to his coming to this county he resided in Charles City, Floyd county, Iowa. Desiring to resume his education he attended school in Des Moines and later in Denison, and has made his headquarters at the latter town since 1869. Here he resided for four years before removing to his farm. Mr. Norris made his first land purchase in 1875-6, buying two hundred and seventy acres in Denison township, and there established his farm, which he called "Bonny View," as it commands a fine view of Denison. It is one of the most valuable pieces of property in Denison township, having all the most modern improvements. Mr. Norris makes a specialty of live stock, having some fine Poland China and Duroc Jersey hogs and shorthorn cattle upon his place. He also deals in horses, giving particular attention to Percherons.

The marriage of Mr. Norris took place September 21, 1878, when he was united to Miss Mary Anne Maloney, a daughter of Timothy and Nancy Maria (Smith) Maloney. She was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, and educated in the district schools of that state and the high school of Palo, Ogle county, Illinois. She taught for two years at Pleasant Hill school, near Manilla, from 1876 to 1878. Her father was born in County Roscommon, Ireland, and came to the United States when a boy, in 1849, locating in New York state, near Springport. In 1856 he removed to Whiteside county, Illinois, residing there until 1876, when he came to Iowa, taking up his residence near Des Moines. Here he continued to engage in farming until his death, which occurred November 12, 1890, at the age of eighty years. He and his wife were married in 1852. Mrs. Maloney was born in Seneca county, New York, September 21, 1820, and died October 20, 1899. She came of a distinguished family which can be traced back to the time of the American Revolution. To Mr. and Mrs. Maloney six children were born, as follows: John Smith, living in Oklahoma; Andrew K., deceased; Mary Ellen, deceased; Mary Anne, the wife of our subject; Sarah Ella, deceased; Effie Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris are the parents of six children: James Harry, born July 7, 1879, is now a traveling salesman; Mary Effie, born February 3, 1883, is principal of the Westbrick school of Denison and resides at home; Ralph Arthur, born December 11, 1885, married Clara A. McAhron and is engaged in the shoe business in Denison; Paul Ford, born September 19, 1888, Vera Vic-

toria, born October 30, 1896, and William John, born December 12, 1898, are all at home. Mr. Norris has always taken an active interest in the affairs of his township and is at present one of the school directors. In politics he supports the republican party.

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#### ALFRED WRIGHT.

Alfred Wright, the manager of the Green Bay Lumber Company at Denison, has acted in that capacity since 1899. His birth occurred in Waverly, Iowa, on the 8th of October, 1868, his parents being William and Rachel (Smith) Wright, both of whom were natives of England. His paternal grandfather was likewise born in that country and became identified with mercantile interests. Unto him and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Eldersshore, were born five children, namely: John, Richard, William, George and Thomas. James Junea Smith, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a manufacturer of sauces and pickles in England. He wedded Miss Rachel Eldersshore and their children were James, Zealing and Rachel. Following his demise Mrs. Smith married a Mr. Reynolds of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by whom she had one daughter, Margaret.

William Wright, the father of Alfred Wright, emigrated to America in 1848 and for a short time worked as an architect in Baltimore, Maryland. He entered the Episcopal ministry and in 1866 journeyed westward to Waverly, Iowa, where he preached the gospel, later officiating at Nashua, Denison, Des Moines, Marengo, Grinnell, Carroll and Vail. He likewise served in the Christian commission during the Civil war. In 1852 he was a missionary with his wife in Africa where they encountered many hardships and dangers. He was a man of energy, ability and high character and a devout follower in the footsteps of the Master. His demise occurred in Denison in 1900, when he had attained the age of seventy-six years, while his wife was called to her final rest in the spring of 1910, being at that time eighty-one years old. They were the parents of six children, three of whom reached maturity, namely: William T., a practicing physician of Denison; Leighton, who is likewise a resident of Denison; and Alfred, of this review.

The last named accompanied his parents on their various removals and first came to Denison in 1876, remaining here during the following five years. In 1899 he returned to this city and has resided here continuously since. He completed the prescribed course of study in the high school at Marengo, Iowa, in 1886 and in 1890 was graduated from Grinnell College. Subsequently he followed the profession of teaching for two years and then entered the service of the Green Bay Lumber Company, working for them at Carroll and various other places. From 1893 until 1899 he had charge of the yard at Vail and for the past twelve years has managed the company's yard at Denison. In this capacity he has contributed not a little to the success of the concern, being a man of excellent executive ability and sound judgment.

On the 12th of June, 1909, Mr. Wright was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret Kelly, a native of Crawford county and a daughter of John and Bridget (Rasp) Kelly. Mr. Wright gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is now serving as chairman of the county central committee. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian, while his wife is a devoted communicant of the Roman Catholic church. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M.; Ark Chapter, No. 89, R. A. M.; and also of the council, R. & S. M. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity, belonging to Dowdall Lodge, No. 90. He enjoys the full respect and confidence of all who know him and has many warm friends in his locality.

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### JOHN F. PFARR.

The mercantile business offers an inviting field for a young man of energy and ability especially if he has a gentlemanly address and is actuated by a laudable ambition to win his way to the front by honorable methods. Many of the best known merchants have been attracted from agricultural pursuits and one of this number is John F. Pfarr now senior member of the firm of Pfarr, Gebert & Hunt, of Denison. He is a native of Pomeroy, Ohio, born December 12, 1866, and is a son of Philip and Elizabeth (Hoepfner) Pfarr. The father was a native of Germany and was educated in that country and reared as a farmer. At the age of twenty-eight he came to America and settled in Meigs county, Ohio, now living on a farm near Pomeroy, in that county. His wife was born on the place where they reside. They are both members of the German Protestant church. Our subject's paternal grandfather was also a farmer. He died in Germany when a young man and his widow subsequently married his brother, John George Pfarr, by whom she had two children, Peter and George. She came to America and took up her home in Meigs county, Ohio, where she continued to reside during the remainder of her life. There were three children by the first marriage: Philip, Elizabeth and Catharine. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Peter Hoepfner, who came from Germany and was a pioneer of Meigs county, Ohio. His wife was Catharine Brown and they had one child, Elizabeth.

Seven children were born to Philip and Elizabeth Pfarr, namely: Jacob, of Cedar county, Iowa; Mary, now the wife of Paul Stahl, of Okanogan county, Washington; Kate, now Mrs. W. W. Stobart, of Meigs county, Ohio; Lucy, the wife of George Gaul, of Cedar county, Iowa; John F., the subject of this review; Philip L., also of Okanogan county, Washington; and Minnie, the wife of Henry Kautz of Meigs county, Ohio.

John F. Pfarr was reared on his father's farm in Ohio and as a boy attended the district schools, later becoming a student in Carleton College at Syracuse, Ohio. After leaving college he worked on a farm for several years, but having made up his mind that the west offered more favorable inducements than he could hope to find in his native state, he came to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1888.

His first employment in this state was as a farm laborer but later he became a clerk in a store at Tipton. In 1890 he arrived in Denison and for three years acted as clerk for the firm of J. P. Miller & Company. In 1893 he became associated with J. J. Wieland and Hugo Gebert in the general mercantile business. Later Mr. Wieland sold his interest to N. L. Hunt and the firm has since borne the title of Pfarr, Gebert & Hunt. They have a large general store and carry a well selected stock which meets the demands of an extensive and growing patronage.

On the 10th of October, 1898, Mr. Pfarr was united in marriage to Miss Jessie H. Shattuck, who was born at Francestown, New Hampshire, a daughter of John L. and Sarah (Hartney) Shattuck. She came west about 1896. Her father died in the east in 1903 at the age of sixty-eight years, but her mother is still living at home. There were four children in the family in which Mrs. Pfarr was reared, the others being Anna Belle, John Alfred and Berenice. Two children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Pfarr, Dorothy and Sarah Elizabeth.

Since casting his first presidential vote Mr. Pfarr has been in sympathy with the republican party and has given to its platforms and candidates his earnest support. At all times he has cooperated in movements aiming to promote the public good and his influence may always be counted upon in forwarding any project that will make Denison a more beautiful city or a more inviting place for business. Socially he is prominent in the community, and fraternally he holds membership in Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M.

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#### ROBERT P. PLIMPTON, M. D.

Dr. Robert P. Plimpton, of Denison, has attained marked success in the practice of his profession in the city of his birth and is recognized as one of the leading homeopathic physicians in this section of the state. He was born July 13, 1871, a son of Edward S. and Salina J. (Bond) Plimpton, both natives of Massachusetts. Silas W. Plimpton, the paternal grandfather, was three times married and by his first wife had four children, namely: Maria, the wife of a Mr. Peabody; Edward S.; Albert; and Silas Jr. He died at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. The maternal grandfather was Albert Bond, also a native of Massachusetts, and by trade a mason. He lived to be about seventy years old. Edward S. Plimpton, the father of our subject, received his early education at Providence, Rhode Island, his parents having moved there when he was a child. At the age of sixteen he entered a bank at Providence, in which he worked for five years. In 1857 he came to Denison, Iowa, which he made his home until 1900, when he removed to Salida, Colorado. He was in the mercantile business in Denison and continued in the same line at Salida. Here he took an active part in politics and was elected city treasurer, serving in that office for several years. He was also a member of the school board and has filled a similar position in Salida. The mother of our subject passed

away in March, 1909, at the age of seventy-one years, and in 1910 Mr. Plimpton was married to Miss Lucy Tucker.

There were seven children in the family of Edward S. and Salina J. Plimpton, namely: Caroline, now the wife of Rev. E. T. Fegtly, of Des Moines, Iowa; Edward, Jr., of Salida, Colorado; Lilian, the wife of Rev. H. S. Black, of Portland, Oregon; William, of Glenwood, Iowa; Robert P., the subject of this review; George who died in infancy; and Elfreda, the wife of A. H. Fisher, of Long Beach, California.

Robert P. Plimpton received his preliminary education in the public schools of Denison and later graduated from the high school. He then entered Des Moines College, graduating in 1896 with the degree of A. B. Having decided upon a professional career he became a student in the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College and in 1900 was graduated with the degree of M. D. He began practice at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, but in the fall of 1901 came to Denison and bought out Dr. Bolles. He has since continued in this city, where he has made for himself a creditable name and gained a goodly measure of financial success.

On the 10th of December, 1902, Dr. Plimpton was united in marriage to Miss Etta F. Walker, who was born in Bloomington, Illinois, and is also a graduate of the Des Moines College, being a member of the class of 1897. She is also a post-graduate of the University of Chicago of 1898, and previous to her marriage successfully engaged in teaching school in this county for four years. Her parents, Henry C., and Sophia (Darrow) Walker, were both natives of Pennsylvania, from which state they removed to Bloomington, Illinois, and in 1880 came to Iowa, locating on a farm near Atlantic in Cass county. In 1890 they removed to Des Moines but are now living at Boulder, Colorado. Mrs. Plimpton is their only child. Her paternal grandfather was John Wallace Walker, who married Mary (House) Foster and lived at New Milford, Pennsylvania. He was a teacher during the greater part of his life and died at the age of seventy-two years, while his wife lived to the advanced age of eighty-nine years and eleven months. In their family were seven children, namely: Catharine, Henry C., Byron F., Harriet, Emma, William and Ella.

Mrs. Plimpton is entitled to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution as she traces her ancestry back to Nathan Darrow, who fought for the independence of the colonies. He was the youngest of four brothers but the others were all forced into the British service and died at sea. He married Anna Perkins, whose father and his two brothers were taken prisoners during the war and the two brothers were later killed in the battle of Fort Griswold. Gurdon Darrow, the son of Nathan, was born at Groton, Connecticut, and married Sally Moxley. In early life he left his old home in the Nutmeg state and traveled on foot to Pennsylvania, locating at Harford, Susquehenna county, where he built a log cabin and developed a farm. He was a soldier of the war of 1812. His son, Austin Darrow, has spent his entire life on the old homestead at Harford. By trade he is a carpenter and he followed that occupation for some time but later turned his attention to farming. He married Sarah Evans and they are the parents of Mrs. Sophia Walker, the mother of Mrs. Plimpton. He was one of the founders of the Odd Fellows lodge at Har-

ford and is a member of the Baptist church, to which the Darrow family have always belonged.

Dr. Plimpton and his wife are both identified with the Baptist church and he is a member of its board of trustees, being one of the most active and efficient supporters of the church. Fraternally he is identified with Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., and his wife holds membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. Ever since casting his first ballot he has voted with the republican party. He stands high in the estimation of his professional brethren and the large practice he enjoys is evidence of generous appreciation on the part of the public.

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#### S. A. DOW.

The name of Dow is an old and honored one in Crawford county, having been prominently identified with its progress and development for more than half a century. The present head of the family, S. A. Dow, who is mayor of Dow City, was born in the town where he now resides on the 12th of March, 1856. The father S. E. Dow, was a native of New Hampshire, his birth occurring in 1821, but at the age of eleven years he migrated to New York with his parents, where they resided for one year and then went to Cass county, Michigan. He was educated and reared in the latter state, remaining a member of the paternal household until he had reached his twenty-fifth year. On the 28th of October, 1846, he was united in marriage to Miss Chloe Anne Smith, who was born in Verona, New York, in 1825, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. Jacob Price. The young people began their domestic life in Michigan continuing to reside in that state until 1852, when they came to Iowa, first locating in Harris Grove, where they remained until November, 1855, at which time they removed to Crawford county and settled on a farm in Union township, the present site of Dow City. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dow possessed the essential qualifications of the pioneer and despite the hardships and privations, discouragements and misfortunes never lost hope and persistently clung to their determination, which was to establish a home on the Iowa prairies. In 1866 the Northwestern Railroad came through Crawford county and a postoffice was located on their homestead called Dowville, Mr. Dow being made postmaster. Some time thereafter a church was erected through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Dow, who in 1857 had united with the Baptist church under the ministrations of the Rev. J. W. Denison. A school and stores followed later and soon quite a village had sprung up which was incorporated and named after the man on whose farm it stood. Mr. Dow was a man possessing unusual business acumen and at one time was interested in several projects, in all of which he met with most gratifying success and accumulated real estate in Union township, which aggregated twenty-six hundred acres. Although engaged in the grain, stock and lumber business in addition to the cultivation of his large farm, he always had the time to fulfill his civic duties and gave his services to the advancement of any movement the adoption of which he felt would be of benefit to the com-



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munity. He was always prominently identified with all local political matters giving his support to the candidates of the democratic party. That he was held in high esteem is evidenced by his election to many of best offices, among which were those of county treasurer and probate judge, which he filled in a highly creditable manner. Six children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Dow, three of whom died in infancy, and those who attained maturity were: Alma, now deceased; S. A., our subject; and William, a carpenter, residing in Dow City. The father passed away on the 3d of October, 1907, and the mother survived him only a few days, her demise occurring on the 30th of November.

S. A. Dow acquired his preliminary education in the common and high schools of Dow City, after which he attended the Baptist University at Des Moines. Returning home from college he went into business with his father, with whom he was identified until he was twenty-nine years of age, and then engaged in farming for a time, later opening a real-estate office. He has ever since continued in this business, handling both local and western property, and is meeting with more than average success.

In 1883 Mr. Dow was united in marriage to Miss Candice E. Davis, who is a native of Maryville, Missouri, and they have become the parents of two children: Golda Alma and Chloe Anne. The family attend the Baptist church and fraternally Mr. Dow is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Improved Order of Red Men, while formerly he was also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a strong advocate of the principles of democracy and takes an active and helpful interest in local governmental matters. He has occupied the highest office in the municipality for the past two years, the responsibilities of which he has discharged in a manner generally satisfactory to the community at large. He is highly esteemed in his native town, in the social life of which his family hold a distinguished position.

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### RUDOLPH KNAUL.

For more than thirty years closely identified with the business interests of Denison and also an active and efficient worker in the cause of public education, Rudolph Knaul is justly held in high regard by the people of the city. He was born in Berlin, Germany, February 24, 1850, a son of Adolph and Mary (Woltke) Knaul, the former of whom was born in Brandenburg and the latter at Wittenberg, Germany. There were four children in the family, our subject being the only one now living. The mother and the other children died from cholera in 1856. The father learned the tanner's trade and later became a merchant in Berlin. In 1868 he emigrated to this country and spent the first eighteen months in Chicago, then locating at Clinton, Iowa, where he entered the drug business. He was three times married, and by his second wife had four children, three of whom are now living, namely: Gertie, who married George Rumsey; Anna, who became the wife of George Naeve, a banker of Denison; and Lena, who married J. C. Mastie and now live at Chardon, Ohio. The third wife of Mr. Knaul was a Miss Horst, and there were two children born to that

union: Otto; and Bertha, now the wife of Dr. H. C. Simpson, of Denison. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a tanner and died in Germany from the effects of an accident. There were four children in his family: Rudolph, Robert, Adolph and Johanna. John Woltke, the maternal grandfather, who was a watchmaker and jeweler and passed away in the old country but had spent about twenty years in the United States.

Rudolph Knaul received the advantages of a good education in his native land and engaged in the drug business for a year and a half in that country after leaving school. In 1868 he arrived in America and spent the first two years in Chicago, clerking in a drug store. He then went to Clinton, Iowa, and clerked in his father's store, after which he returned to Chicago, where he was identified for a year and a half with the same line of business. He again came to Clinton and spent two years, at the end of which time he decided to locate permanently and in 1879 he selected Denison as his home. He has ever since been connected with the drug business in this city and maintains a neat and well stocked store, being accorded a large and lucrative patronage.

On the 24th of July, 1876, Mr. Knaul was united in marriage at Clinton to Miss Maggie Au, who was born in New York city, July 28, 1854, a daughter of Julius and Maggie Au. The father was born in Hanover, Germany, and the mother in Bavaria. He was a harness and trunk maker. He and his wife both died in Lyons, Iowa. There were six children in their family: Charles, William, George, Emma, Maggie, and a son who died in infancy. Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Knaul, namely: Mamie, who married M. E. Lies, of Waterville, Washington, and has one child, Margaret; and Alys, an artist, who does beautiful work on china and is living at home.

Politically, Mr. Knaul is an earnest supporter of the republican party, with whose principles he has been in accord ever since he cast his first ballot in 1871. He early observed the beneficial effects of education and for twenty-five years has been a member of the school board of Denison, in the course of which time he has greatly assisted in advancing the cause of education in the community. An intelligent, progressive and capable citizen, he has been successful in business and has gained a host of warm friends in this city.

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#### L. H. PETERSEN.

Of German birth, Mr. Petersen came to this country when a boy and has made an enviable record for himself as a farmer of Denison township, Crawford county. He was born in Schleswig, Germany, March 24, 1876, a son of John and Mary (Thompson) Petersen, both of whom were also natives of Schleswig, where they were married. The father came to the United States with his second youngest son in the spring of 1885, the mother and remaining children arriving in the fall of that year. He located at Irvin, Shelby county, Iowa, where he was employed on a railroad until death ended his labors in 1890. He is survived by his wife, who resides at Buck Grove, Iowa. To them were born eight children, as follows: John, who makes his home in Denison; L. H.;

Thomas, who lives at Buck Grove; Dudlief, who is a farmer residing near Buck Grove; Lena, who is the wife of Bennett Trueper and lives in the vicinity of Buck Grove; Ira, who lives in Dakota; Dora and Johannah, deceased.

The public schools of Germany afforded L. H. Petersen his early mental training and when not pursuing his studies he occupied his spare time by working in the fields until 1885, when he emigrated to the United States. Coming to Iowa he spent four years in Shelby county, and later engaged in operating rented land in Crawford county for two years, making his first purchase of real estate in 1907, which consisted of eighty acres. By careful management he was enabled from time to time to add to his holdings until they now aggregate one hundred and sixty acres of highly improved land. Mr. Petersen gives his attention principally to general farming and stock-raising but is also interested in the raising of poultry, making a specialty of fancy breeds, among which are the Partridge Wyandottes.

The marriage of Mr. Petersen occurred in 1901, when he was united to Miss Augusta Trueper, who was born in Oldenburg, Germany, a daughter of William and Louisa (Eisenhauer) Trueper, in whose family were three children, namely: William, who lives in Denison; Bernhardt, residing in Buck Grove; and Augusta. Mr. Trueper's death occurred in Germany and Mrs. Trueper married again, her second husband being Carl Remen, a resident of Denison, by whom she had four children, Anne, Carl and Louis, residing in South Dakota; and Gertrude, who makes her home in Denison. Mr. and Mrs. Petersen are the parents of four children, but only Arnold and Alma are now living. Eldon, who was born August 5, 1906, died January 3, 1911, and was buried in the Lutheran church cemetery.

In politics Mr. Petersen is a republican and although he has never desired nor sought public office he has always given his loyal support to the party of his choice. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. He is a worthy example of the German-American citizen who after arriving in this country becomes imbued with the American spirit, and he has contributed to the best interests of the community in which he resides.

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### T. J. GARRISON.

Among the most responsible and successful citizens of Denison is T. J. Garrison, whose life stands as a monument of well directed energy, prudent foresight and ability. Mr. Garrison has never had a thirst for office or that hankering for publicity which often besets men otherwise successful and which many times leads to broken hearts and disappointed hopes. He has been content to be known as a man of honor and probity, to surround himself with comfort and luxuries, to enjoy the palatial home which he has built for himself, and to help his children grow to successful maturity. The comparative affluence which he now enjoys has not been the result of fortune's whim but the result of downright hard work, self-denial, and sheer ability.

Mr. Garrison was born in Jones county, Iowa, August 22, 1849, a son of Solomon and Harriet (Simpson) Garrison. His father was born in Ohio, February 13, 1816, and removed to Iowa immediately after his marriage on January 27, 1841, settling in Jones county near the present town of Olin. Twelve years later, in 1853, he removed with his family to Onion Grove, near Clarence, Iowa, where he resided for fifteen years and then returned to Pleasant Hill, Jones county. Three of their children having located in Nebraska, in 1883 the parents removed to that state, making their home at Reynolds. There the father died March 2, 1891, the mother afterward making her home with her youngest daughter, Mrs. A. D. Hunt, at Mount Vernon, Iowa, where she passed away December 9, 1903. To Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Garrison were born eight children, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are: Cyrena, born October 13, 1843, now the wife of John Ashby, of Coggon, Iowa; W. S., born September 5, 1846, who was married to Miss Emma J. De Camp and now lives at Wyoming, Iowa; T. J., the subject of this review; G. R., born May 8, 1854, who married Sarah E. Robinson, January 20, 1876, and is now a resident of California; L. L., born February 28, 1858, now an insurance agent in Lincoln, Nebraska; and Dema E., born March 25, 1861, now the wife of A. D. Hunt, of Mount Vernon, Iowa.

Mr. Garrison was but a very small lad when his father removed to Clarence, Cedar county, Iowa. He attended the public schools of that place, passing through the different grades until he entered Cornell College at Mount Vernon. His college career was not long, however, as at the age of seventeen he returned to Clarence and engaged in the hardware and lumber business with J. W. Simpson. Later a Mr. Martin was taken in as a partner and the firm became Simpson, Garrison & Martin. Mr. Garrison continued in that business until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he began to read law. His energy and determination are well illustrated by the fact that he decided upon this course after having passed his early youth and that he pursued his studies alone, purchasing his own books from his earnings and instructing himself so rapidly that in the fall of 1879 he was admitted to the bar in Tipton, Cedar county, Iowa. In 1880 Mr. Garrison came to Denison, forming a partnership with I. T. Roberts and succeeding to the law practice of Tabor & Tabor. This partnership continued for several years until the withdrawal of Mr. Roberts from the firm, after which Mr. Garrison conducted his extensive business alone until the last few years, when he withdrew from practice to enjoy the fruits of years of toil. As a lawyer Mr. Garrison enjoyed the reputation as one of the wisest and safest of counselors. He always avoided litigation if possible and his work was that of an adviser and a peacemaker rather than an advocate. For many years he was the local attorney for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, and in this capacity he enjoyed the confidence and personal friendship of the highest officials of the two roads. He conducted the delicate details concerned with the purchase of the right of way for the Milwaukee and also for the double tracking of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad through the county, and he succeeded in doing this with no dissatisfaction on the part of the railroad or of the people. Wise and far-sighted investment added to his income as an attorney until, as we have stated,

he has been enabled to retire from business, surrounded with a goodly portion of life's enjoyments.

On the 17th of February, 1870, Mr. Garrison was united in marriage to Miss Emma Carothers. To them were born four children: Lillian A., whose gift of music and whose lovable disposition have been an added blessing to the home; Edgar S., who has through a series of well earned promotions been appointed to the important position of judge of the Canal zone; Ray D., who married Miss Hattie Weeks, of this city, and who is in the fruit-raising business at Grand Junction, Colorado; and Earling R., who is the life and joy of the home and who bids fair to duplicate his father's business sagacity.

In Mr. Garrison we have the picture of a forceful, self-made man, of kindly disposition, loyal to his friends, and who has earned for himself the respect and consideration of the community.

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### JAMES SCOTT.

One of the well kept and highly cultivated farms of Paradise township is the property of James Scott, who has been a resident of Crawford county for more than forty years. He is a native of Canada but is of Irish extraction, his grandparents having come from Counties Carlow and Kilkenny, Ireland. His paternal grandfather, John Scott, crossed the ocean in 1822, and his maternal grandfather, William Garland, in 1815, and both located in Canada. The eldest child of William and Mary Ann (Garland) Scott, also natives of Canada, our subject, was born near Ottawa on the 28th of April, 1858. The parents migrated from Canada, where the father had followed farming, and located on a farm in Union township, this county, in December, 1869, and for thirty years Mr. Scott engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He had been married previously, his first wife being Emily Davis, also a Canadian, and they became the parents of the following children: Mary Jane, the wife of A. P. Hardy, of Mitchell, South Dakota; John, deceased; and Sarah, who married Edgar Palmer, of Lexington, Oregon. There were six children of the second marriage beside the son James, and they are as follows: Barbara Ann, living in St. Anthony, Idaho; William Garland, a resident of Lexington, Idaho; Matilda, who became the wife of P. J. Hallowell, of Paradise township, this county; Ellen Sophia, who is teaching in St. Anthony, Idaho; Jonathan Albert, a blacksmith of Dow City, Iowa; and Henry Griffith, a farmer of Paradise township. The father passed away in 1899 and the mother died in 1895.

James Scott acquired his education in the common schools of Canada and Crawford county, Iowa, and when old enough to lay aside his text-books and assume the heavier responsibilities of life he decided to become an agriculturist. He remained at home until his marriage. During that time he had acquired the means which enabled him to buy eighty acres of land in Union township, and this he cultivated for about two years and then removed to his present place. Here he has resided for twenty-six years, during which time he has made many and great improvements and his is one of the best farming prop-

erties in Paradise township. The buildings are all substantial and in good condition; he keeps a superior grade of stock; and his fields are given the care and supervision which results in large harvests and good prices. He now owns eighty acres in Union and one hundred acres in Paradise township.

It was on the 27th of December, 1882, that Mr. Scott was united in marriage to Miss Mary Amelia Hallowell, a daughter of Joseph and Marcia (Adams) Hallowell, the father being a native of New York and the mother of Ohio. They migrated from Ohio to Illinois and came to Iowa in 1853 but did not locate in Crawford county until 1867. Here they both passed away, the father in 1880 and the mother in 1897. Mrs. Scott is the youngest of the five children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Hallowell, the others being as follows: George, who is now dead; Ophelia, also deceased; John, a farmer of Crawford county; and Peter J., also a farmer of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have become the parents of six children: Mary Ellen, Anna Laura, Thomas Garland, Rosella Beatrice and James Hallowell, all of whom are at home, while the fourth child died in infancy.

Mr. Scott is of the Episcopalian faith and is fraternally identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, his local affiliation with these two orders being with the Dow City lodges. His eldest daughter, Mary, is identified with the Rebekahs, the ladies auxiliary of the Odd Fellows. Mr. Scott has always remained free from party dictation in political matters, never having voted a straight ticket but once and that was a republican, nor would he ever accept an office. He is one of the progressive and highly esteemed citizens of his community, where his sound principles and keen sense of honor have won the respect they are always accorded.

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#### LEWIS L. OSTERLUND.

The foreign born citizens of Crawford county have done much to advance the agricultural possibilities of Iowa and prominent among these may be mentioned Lewis L. Osterlund, a farmer and stock-raiser of Milford township. He was born near Stockholm, Sweden, August 9, 1851, a son of August and Christina C. Osterlund, who were farmers in their native country, where they both died when Lewis L. was quite young. The latter obtained his education in the public schools of Sweden and then followed farming until twenty-one years old. Hearing of the greater advantages offered to young men in the United States, he decided to better his condition and in 1872 emigrated to this country. He first located in Illinois but remained there but a few months and then removed to Clinton, Iowa, where his first occupation was logging on the Mississippi river and working in the lumberyards of the Clinton Lumber Company. There he remained for seven years, living economically, and by saving his earnings he was enabled to buy eighty acres of land in Milford township, Crawford county, upon which in 1879 he began practical farming. Owing to his former experience in the old country he was successful from the beginning, erected a modern house and made other needed improvements upon his land, which was located on sec-

tion 23. This he sold in 1892 and purchased one hundred and twenty acres on section 1, later buying three hundred and twenty additional acres on section 2, making a total of four hundred and forty acres, which today ranks among the finest improved land in Crawford county and where he carries on general farming and stock-raising. He makes a specialty of shorthorn Durham cattle and feeds both cattle and hogs for the market.

In August, 1876, Mr. Osterlund married Miss Nellie Olson, of Clinton, Iowa. Her parents Nels and Hannah Olson, were natives of Sweden and came to this country in 1873, taking up their residence in South Dakota, where the father died in 1906, being still survived by the mother. To Mr. and Mrs. Osterlund have been born the following eleven children: Laura, now Mrs. Robert Hawley, of Crawford county; Rose, the widow of Charles Maynard; Charles, who was born December 2, 1880, and is now residing in Nevada; Olga, now Mrs. Patrick Gallagher; Arthur, born June 15, 1885, now living in Cottonwood, South Dakota; Lewis, Jr., born August 16, 1888, also living in South Dakota; Roy, born April 4, 1890; Myrtle; Walter, born June 18, 1894; Lily and Carrie. The younger members of the family are still at home.

Mr. Osterlund has always upheld the principles of the republican party and has efficiently filled the office of township trustee for two terms. He has also served for several years as school director and was twice appointed by Governor Shaw to the farmers convention, once at Boston and once at Colorado Springs. Fraternally he is a worthy member of Vail Lodge, No. 422, A. F. & A. M. and Chapter No. 89, R. A. M., of Dunlap, Iowa. Religiously he is a consistent member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Osterlund is a worthy example of all that goes to make an exemplary citizen of the country of his adoption, and his abilities as an agriculturist as well as his personal characteristics have won for him recognition and the approbation of the community wherein he resides.

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### CHARLES W. MERRILL.

Charles W. Merrill, who stands today as one of the representative and progressive business men of Denison, was born July 7, 1855, in Ohio, a son of John W. and Julia (Heaton) Merrill, both of whom were natives of New York state. In 1869 they removed to Linn county, Iowa, where the father rented one hundred and sixty acres of land, upon which he resided until 1882 and then took up his residence in Montezuma, Iowa, remaining there during the rest of his life. Seven children were born to this couple, of whom but two survive, namely: Harriet, who became the wife of R. C. Ring and lives in Linn county; and Charles W. Those deceased are James, Quincy, Rufus, William C. and Lucy.

After passing through the public schools Mr. Merrill served an apprenticeship to the wagonmaker's trade and has since continued to successfully follow this branch of industry. His first employment was obtained at Center Point, Linn county, where he remained about five years and then moved to Thorn-



burg, Iowa, where he spent fifteen years. He next lived in Greene, Iowa, there engaging in the same occupation for two and a half years. He then came to Denison, opened up a carriage and wagon shop and by unremitting industry, and his unquestioned ability in this line of work has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative business.

On December 28, 1879, Mr. Merrill was united in marriage to Miss Addie L., a daughter of J. M. and Eliza J. (Torrence) Potter, who were the parents of seven children, four of whom, including Mrs. Merrill, survive, the others being: Ella M., who became the wife of H. C. Printy and lives in Center Point, Linn county; Franklin, who is a farmer near Columbia Falls, Montana; Artie Mabel, who married George W. Lee and resides in Sac City, Iowa. Mr. Potter is a native of Indiana and followed farming in that state and in Iowa until he retired and came to reside with his daughter, Mrs. Merrill. At the age of eighty-four he is enjoying a serene old age. His wife departed this life in 1907 in her seventy-fourth year. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill are the parents of four children, two of whom are living, namely: Clifford C., who resides in Omaha, Nebraska; and Mabel J., who became the wife of A. L. Moeller and lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mrs. Merrill is president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of which she was also for a short time district president. Mr. Merrill casts his vote for the republican party and although he takes an abiding interest in all local affairs that tend to improve his town he has never sought political preferment. In religion he holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. In his business career he has made an excellent record and has not only become favorably and well known but has gained a gratifying measure of prosperity, while personally he is a man whose worth and high principles are well appreciated by his many friends.

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#### FRANK H. DOWNS.

Frank H. Downs, a well known farmer and stock-raiser of Crawford county, was born in Gloucester county, New Jersey, June 5, 1867, a son of Edward J. and Lucinda (Graham) Downs, the former of whom was born May 7, 1834, in New Jersey where he grew to manhood, and there his marriage took place November 20, 1856. He was a farmer and charcoal burner, marketing his products in Philadelphia, and he followed those occupations until he was forty-two years of age, when he came west, locating in Menard county, Illinois. He was a son of Thomas and Maria Jane Downs. His widow is a native of Ireland and makes her home in Denison, Iowa. They were the parents of ten children, of whom all but one survive, namely: Hudson, who lives in Arion, Iowa; Maria Jane, who married Charles Gaines and resides in Menard county, Illinois; John F., who is a farmer near North Platte, Nebraska; Elmer Ellsworth, who is located in Dawson county, Nebraska; Franklin H.; Sarah Elizabeth, who became the wife of Morris McHenry, Jr., and resides in Dow City; Ed J., Jr., who is on a farm near Overton, Nebraska; Lucinda, who married Isaac Howorth, of



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Goodrich township; and Emma, who is the wife of Ed R. Green and lives in Overton, Nebraska.

The initial education of Frank Downs was obtained in the common schools of Menard county, Illinois, supplemented by a course in the Indian Point graded schools. With the object of taking up agriculture as his life vocation he began active work on a rented farm in Shelby county, where he remained three years and then came to Crawford county. Here he was engaged in the livery business for seven years, his stables being located at Arion. Deciding to once more embark in agricultural pursuits, he rented a farm, which he cultivated for two years and then bought one hundred and sixty acres in Boyer township, comprising what is called the McMartin farm. Here he resided for five years and then moved to his present location, his farm here consisting of two hundred and five acres. Besides this he owns real estate in the town of Arion. He is an extensive dealer in live stock, making a specialty of English Berkshire hogs and polled Durham cattle and also handles a high grade of Shropshire sheep.

The marriage of Mr. Downs took place April 8, 1898, when he was united to Mrs. Nellie (Acker) Wall, who was born in Ogle county, Illinois, a daughter of John and Nellie (Harrington) Acker, the former of whom was born in Ogle county, April 5, 1835, and the latter in Otsego county, New York, October 10, 1839. During the Civil war Mr. Acker enlisted in the Union army at Chicago in 1861, becoming a member of an independent company known as Sturgis Rifles, named for the man who fitted them out. This company was sent out as General McClellan's bodyguard and participated in the seven days' battle of the Wilderness, remaining in the service until McClellan was removed. As it was an independent company it could not be sent anywhere without the consent of its members and they were mustered out and returned home in 1862. In 1863, however, Mr. Acker joined Company M, Seventeenth Illinois Cavalry, and was commissioned first lieutenant but during his service was on special duty most of the time, being stationed at Jefferson Barracks and later at Alton, Illinois, where he guarded three hundred prisoners. His wife was with him most of the time until he was ordered to the front in pursuit of General Price of Missouri. He served as aid-de-camp on General McNeal's staff, assisting in guarding about fifteen hundred prisoners at Alton all one summer. When they went into winter quarters his wife joined him, but when there was any danger of fighting she was sent home. He was mustered out in 1865 at the close of the war. Mr. Acker moved to Boone, Iowa, in 1865 and lived there for three years, after which he went to Avoca, Iowa, and engaged in the hardware business for eighteen years, going from there to Hand county, South Dakota, where for the following thirteen years he followed farming and then removed to Everett, Washington, which is at present the home of himself and wife. They are the parents of five children, of whom the following are living: Nellie; Tessora V., who is the wife of George Dulitz and lives in Washington state; and Alice May, who became the wife of Homer Brown and resides in Oregon. On the maternal side Mrs. Downs comes of good Revolutionary stock, her great-grandfather Harrington, having served as a private in the Continental army. He died shortly after the close of the war from the effects of the hard-

ships suffered during his service. When at the front his brave wife was left with a family of small children to care for on a little farm, her stock consisting of one horse and a few sheep. She cultivated her land, doing all the work herself, sheared her sheep, carded the wool and spun and wove the material for the clothes of her family. She also knitted socks, dried meat and melted her pewter ware into bullets, which she took on horseback, a distance of a hundred miles, through the woods to her husband, although she was surrounded on all sides by the English troops. Her friends feared for her safety but she trusted implicitly in God and was brought safely home.

Mrs. Downs was educated in Avoca and taught school for thirteen years. While living in Everett, Washington, she was a member of the Women's Relief Corps of that city. Her first husband, Harry Wall, to whom she was married December 7, 1887, in Hand county, South Dakota, was a native of Indiana and followed the vocation of farming. To them was born one child, Eva May, who became the wife of Neil Graham and now resides in Everett, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Downs are the parents of three children, namely: Nathaniel Acker, Frank, Jr., and Eliza Early, all of whom are under the parental roof.

In his political views Mr. Downs is a republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which they give their hearty support. He is a well known representative of farming interests in Union township and his highly cultivated lands and the excellent condition of his graded stock indicate, as nothing else could do, his untiring energy and capable management, and his thorough reliability in all business affairs has gained for him the confidence of everyone with whom he deals.

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#### C. P. HARVEY.

In tracing the genealogy of the Harvey family we find there was a Colonel Daniel Harvey, an officer in the English army who settled in Ireland and who, as far as can be learned, is the head of the present generation. Michael Harvey, the father of C. P. was born in County Armagh, Ireland, March 27th, 1817, whence he emigrated to the United States about 1837, locating in New York city, where he married Miss Ellen McGill, who was also born in Ireland in 1819. He resided in New York about five years then removed to Lee county, Illinois, where he followed stock-raising and farming. He was a very early settler and some of the papers giving him possession of his land were signed by President Fillmore, per his secretary. In politics he was a democrat nearly all his life. He died in 1867, being survived by his wife, who departed this life in 1903, and both were interred in Sandy Hill cemetery, Lee county. They were the parents of the following eight children: Thomas A., who is a lawyer residing in Lead City, South Dakota, and who for years was criminal attorney for Meade county; James, who is a farmer and stockman in Lee county, Illinois; C. P.; Mack, who is living on the old homestead in Lee county; John, who is mayor of Amboy, Illinois; and three others, Mary, Charles and an infant, all deceased.

C. P. Harvey was born in Lee county, Illinois, May 2, 1852, and obtained his early education in the public schools. He remained at home until twenty years old and then went to Chicago, where he remained for two and a half years in the employ of Shuler & Company. Returning to Lee county he engaged in farming for one year, and later removing to Clinton, Iowa, followed the same occupation for four years, going from there to West Side, Crawford county in 1878. Here he remained for about fourteen years, one of which he spent in conducting a meat market in the village, another in acting as superintendent of the poor farm, the remaining twelve years being occupied in farming for himself. Subsequently he moved to East Boyer and continued the pursuit of agriculture there for four or five years, later going to Paradise township. After three or four years' farming here he located in Denison township, buying two hundred and forty acres of land which now comprises his homestead. Under Mr. Harvey's able management it has become a highly improved and valuable piece of property and most creditably reflects his ability to apply modern methods in obtaining the best results from the soil. In connection with general farming he is interested in the raising of fine stock.

Mr. Harvey was united in marriage in 1876 to Miss Hannah Polhamus, a native of Iowa, who is of Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry, and they had three children, namely: Earl, who was accidentally killed; Thomas Albert, who lives opposite the home place and who in 1894 married Miss Lissie Latshaw, born in Shelby county, Iowa, and they have three children, Grace Gladys, Glen Eldon and Merlin Paul; James, who occupies the adjoining farm, and who married Miss Florence Warmath, born in Denison, and they have two children, twins, Frank and George.

In regard to politics Mr. Harvey has always been a democrat and takes an active interest in the affairs of his party. He served on the board of supervisors from 1883 to 1886 and has been a member of the school board for the past twenty-six years. In his fraternal connections he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. He has brought to his life work a well trained mind, which has made it possible for him to carry to a successful conclusion the ambitions of his early youth, and among his many friends he is recognized as a man of sterling worth and of the strictest integrity, a reputation he has never failed to uphold.

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#### REV. H. C. WILLIAM FRESE.

On account of the nature of their calling the clergy occupy a prominent place in the community and wield an influence which often profoundly affects the lives of those with whom they come in contact. Men only of unsullied character and of the very highest attainments mentally and morally are worthy of the responsibility of expounding the holy writ, and to this number belongs Rev. H. C. William Frese, whose name stands at the head of this sketch.

He was born in Tonawanda, New York, August 23, 1873, and is a son of Rev. Louis and Louisa (Richter) Frese, natives of Hanover, Germany, and St. Louis respectively. The father received his preliminary education in Ger-

many and at seventeen years of age crossed the ocean to America and engaged for several years as a bookkeeper in New York city. About 1866 he went to St. Louis and studied for the ministry of the Lutheran church, graduating from Concordia Seminary. He began preaching at Archibald, Ohio, and successfully carried on his work for many years, his last charge being at Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he died in 1900. At the time of his death he was fifty-four years of age and in the midst of a life of great usefulness. His wife is still living and makes her home at Champaign, Illinois. Henry Frese, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a farmer in Germany and married Henrietta Hincke. They had four sons and one daughter: Adolph, Julius, Ernst, Louis, and Henrietta, now the wife of Fred Riebow, of South Omaha. The four sons were all ministers of the gospel. The maternal grandfather, John Richter, was a native of Saxony, Germany. He was a cooper by trade and located in St. Louis many years ago. He married Louisa Espenschied, and they were the parents of four children: Ernst, Louisa, Theresa and Theodore, the two last named being now deceased. There were ten children in the family of Louis and Louisa Frese, namely: Esther, now Mrs. Henry Dirks, of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; H. C. William, of this review; Theresa, Louisa and Julius, all of whom are deceased; Louis, a teacher at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Emil and Walter, both of whom are deceased; and Emma and Anna, who are living at home.

H. C. William Frese received his early education in the parochial schools of Effingham and Champaign, Illinois. He later became a student of the North Western University of Watertown, Wisconsin, and Concordia College at Springfield, Illinois, graduating in theology from the latter institution in 1896. He began his labors as a missionary at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, continuing there for four years. His second charge as a pastor was at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Council Bluffs. He came to Denison in 1903 and since that time has been pastor of Zion's Lutheran church and also superintendent of the Lutheran school of this city.

On the 2d of October, 1902, Mr. Frese was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Bosecker, who was born at Evansville, Indiana. Her parents, who were also natives of that state, moved to Wabash county, Illinois, when she was very young and she grew to womanhood there. She received her early education in Wabash county and later attended the State Normal School in Carbondale, Illinois. She was married to Mr. Frese near Cowling, Illinois. Her father was a farmer but is now living retired at Mount Carmel, Illinois. He held various township offices and was school treasurer for over twenty years and supervisor for three years, being very active in all works pertaining to the advancement of the neighborhood. There were four children in their family, namely: Elizabeth, now Mrs. H. C. William Frese; Frederick; Mary, the wife of Theodore Wirth; and Lena. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Frese was Carl Bosecker, a farmer of Saxony, Germany, who died when comparatively a young man, but his widow lived to the age of seventy-eight years. They had five children: Anna, Elizabeth, William, Christian and Andrew. The maternal grandfather was Jacob Schweikhard, a native of Bavaria, Germany, and a farmer. He married Margaret Baumgartner and died in early manhood, but she lived to the age of seventy-five. There were three children in their family,

namely: Jacob, Charlotte and Frederick. Four children have come to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frese: William and Elizabeth, deceased; Walter; and Ruth.

Politically Mr. Frese gives his adherence to the republican party, believing that in so doing he is promoting the best interests of the nation. He is thoroughly active and efficient in his church work and is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states. Thoroughly alive to the great advances made along all lines during the earlier years of the twentieth century, he is, moreover, a constant student of the great book which is the basis of his belief, his message from Sunday to Sunday attracting large and interested audiences. He aims to walk in the path prescribed by the great Master and by his unselfish acts as well as by his words he has been instrumental in inducing many to adopt the Christian life.

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### JOHN HALLOWELL.

John Hollowell, who owns a fine farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Paradise township, was born in Elgin, Illinois, on the 2d of February, 1853, his parents being Joseph and Marcia (Adams) Hollowell. The father was a native of Saratoga county, New York, and the mother of Ohio. Joseph Hollowell grew to manhood in his native state and then migrated to Ashtabula county, Ohio, where he met and married Miss Adams. Shortly after this event the young couple located in Elgin, Illinois, where they lived until 1853. In the latter year they again started westward, Iowa being their destination this time, and they settled on a farm in Putnam township, Fayette county, but after residing there five years they removed to Clayton county. They were residents of the latter county for nine years and at the end of that time located on the farm in Paradise township, which their son now owns. They were the parents of five children, but only three are now living, however, George and Ophelia, the two eldest, having passed away. Those surviving are: John, our subject: Peter J., who is living on a farm which adjoins his brother's on the north; and Mary, the wife of James Scott, who owns the adjoining farm on the west. The father was a blacksmith and farmer, and being quite successful in both undertakings he had accumulated considerable property at the time of his demise in 1880. The mother passed away in 1897 and was laid to rest beside her husband in the Dow City cemetery.

John Hollowell acquired his preliminary education in the common schools of Clayton and Crawford counties, and later attended the State College at Ames for one year. He remained at home, assisting his father with the cultivation of the farm until after the latter's demise, when he took the entire responsibility. He has never married and continues to live on the home farm, which he now owns.

Mr. Hollowell was reared in the Universalist faith and was at one time a member of the Masonic fraternity but has not been affiliated with that organization of recent years. He used to give his political support to the democratic



party but has transferred his allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party, considering that their policy is now better adapted to subserve the best interests of the country. He has never held office, being a quiet, unobtrusive man who has always fulfilled the requirements of good citizenship as he recognized them, and although he has devoted his time almost entirely to the advancement of his personal interests they have always been of a nature to promote those of the community at large.

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REV. M. J. FARRELLY.

It is doubtful whether in the state of Iowa a more faithful and efficient pastor can be found than Father M. J. Farrelly, of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic church, of Denison. He has officiated as head of the church of this place for twenty-four years and the great respect in which he is held by his parishioners as well as by the entire community is proof of his worth. Born at Aughavass, Ireland, March 1, 1854, he was reared as a farmer boy by good Catholic parents and received his early education in his native land. The father's business was principally that of buying and selling cattle and shipping them to England and Scotland. He died in 1892 at the age of eighty-four years. The mother came to America in 1893 and passed away in Denison, Iowa, on the 16th of December, 1899, being then seventy-three years of age. There were seven sons and two daughters in the family, namely: Luke, now deceased; Patrick F., who is pastor of St. Joseph's church at Carroll, Iowa; Thomas, who died at the age of eighteen years; M. J., the subject of this review; Mrs. B. McGuire, of St. Paul, Minnesota, whose husband died October 26, 1910; James, a commission merchant of Chicago; Philip, who is a farmer and lives near Denison; Peter, of Denison; and Mary, the wife of J. T. Haugh, of Denison. Luke Farrelly, the paternal grandfather, a farmer in Ireland, married a Miss Masterson and they had seven children, Luke, Matthew, Peter, James, Michael, Thomas, and a daughter who died when young. The maternal grandfather was Patrick Fitzpatrick who was a farmer of Ireland and also married a Miss Masterson. Their family included eight children, Philip, Patrick, Ann, Ellen, Mary, Alice, Adelia and Margaret.

Father Farrelly came to America in 1872 and for two years worked by the month on a farm near Lawler in Chickasaw county, Iowa. In 1874 he entered the Christian Brothers School at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, and in the fall of the following year became a student in St. Joseph's College at Dubuque, Iowa, where he spent two years in the study of the classics, graduating in moral philosophy in 1877. In the fall of the same year he went to Montreal, Canada, where he engaged for three years in the study of theology. Returning to Dubuque, he was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic church on the 21st of September, 1880. His first appointment was in charge of a parish at Manchester, Iowa, where he continued for seven years, and while there built a church at Ryan and at Earlville and a parsonage at Manchester. He also secured for the congregation a new cemetery and carried out other important

undertakings. Under the appointment of Bishop Hennessy he has served since October 1, 1887, as pastor of St. Rose of Lima church at Denison. He has also been for nine years in charge of the Charter Oak church as an out mission. In 1890 he built the Catholic school known as the St. Rose of Lima parochial school, which now has seventy-five pupils exclusive of those taking instruction in music, who number about sixty. In 1896 he erected a new church in this city, which cost twenty thousand dollars and has a seating capacity of seven hundred persons. It is elegantly furnished and was recently handsomely re-decorated and frescoed, being known as one of the most beautiful churches in the state. In the fall of 1910 Father Farrelly effected the purchase of the handsome residence of George W. Nicholson, one of the finest in the city, and it is now the parsonage of the church.

Father Farrelly has always retained his interest in his studies and is deeply versed in history, literature, science, theology and all subjects that interest a wide-awake and progressive scholar and religious teacher of the twentieth century. He is an eloquent and convincing speaker and is often invited to deliver addresses before patriotic, literary or religious bodies in the state. He is a power for good and his influence has ever been exerted in behalf of the weaker members of society and in the upbuilding of the best interests of the state and nation.

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#### JOHN H. TAMM.

For nearly twenty years John H. Tamm has been connected with business interests in Denison and has assisted as a public-spirited citizen in promoting the welfare of the community. He found congenial employment in mercantile lines and the success that has attended his efforts is proof of his ability. He was born in Clinton county, Iowa, April 14, 1865, a son of Henry and Catharine (Stoltenberg) Tamm, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was reared as a farmer. He came to America at the age of eighteen and engaged at various times in clerking, teaming and farming in Davenport and Camanche, Iowa. In 1882 he settled in Morgan township, Crawford county, and bought seven hundred and twenty acres of land, which he partly improved. He died three years after taking up his residence in this county, being then in the midst of a useful life, as he was only forty-seven years old. He was prominent in the community and served with marked ability as justice of the peace, school trustee and in other township offices. His wife is still living and makes her home at Ida Grove. She is a member of the Lutheran church, as was also her husband. Three children were born to them: John H., of this review; and Charles and Edward, both of whom live near Schleswig.

Our subject's grandfather Tamm was a blacksmith in Germany and lived to the age of sixty-five years. Of his family Henry, Fred, Anna and Dora came to America and two members remained in the old country. The grandparents on the maternal side, Peter and Betty Stoltenberg, established their home in Crawford county, Iowa, where they spent their last years. They had four chil-

dren: Catharine; Henry; Bertha, of Davenport, the widow of John Johann; and William.

John H. Tamm lived in Clinton county until sixteen years of age and received his education in the district schools and in a business college at Davenport. He came to Crawford county with his parents and lived at home until he reached manhood, he and his brothers then taking charge of the home farm. In 1892 he took up his residence in Denison and entered the farm implement business, with which he has ever since been connected. He also sells automobiles and by intelligent and thoughtful attention to the wants of his customers has attracted a liberal patronage.

On the 8th of June, 1892, Mr. Tamm was united in marriage to Miss Orville Hilbert, a native of Clinton county and a daughter of Hans and Lena (Paulman) Hilbert. The father was born in Iowa and the mother in Germany. There were five children in their family: Orville, Ferdinand, William, Alfred and Minnie.

Mr. Tamm and his wife are sincere members of the Lutheran church and take a deep interest in its various beneficences. Politically he is not allied with any of the established parties, as he prefers to vote independently, selecting his candidates according to the needs of the times. He is genial and pleasing in address and has made a host of friends not only by his kindly disposition but also by his honorable and straightforward dealing.

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#### JOHN F. KEPFORD.

A hundred and sixty acre farm on section 17, Washington township, pays tribute to the well directed effort and capable supervision of John F. Kepford, who has been identified with the farming interests of Crawford county for a quarter of a century. A native of this state, he was born in Washington township, Johnson county, on the 12th of December, 1855, a son of Jacob and Martha (Shue) Kepford, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in which state they were also married. There were thirteen children in the family but Sarah and Hattie, the ninth and tenth in order of birth, have passed away, while the first two died in infancy. Those surviving are: Mary, the wife of Antone Bast, of Washington township; Martha, who married Thomas Tranter, of Johnson county; Ellen, who became the wife of James Tranter, of Washington township; John F., our subject; Jacob, a farmer in Washington township; Joseph, who resides in Union township; David, living in Des Moines; Edward, residing in Union township; and Phila, the wife of Frank Jones, of Schleswig. The parents migrated from Pennsylvania to Iowa in pioneer days, first locating in Johnson county, where they resided until 1888, at which time they removed to Crawford county and settled on a farm in Union township, where they continued to live until Mr. Kepford's demise in 1899. Ever since attaining manhood he had been engaged in agricultural pursuits with the exception of the three years he served at the front during the Civil war. Mrs. Kepford still survives and is living on the old homestead in Union township.



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John F. Kepford obtained his education in the public schools of Johnson county, remaining a member of the paternal household until he was seventeen years of age, at which time he began working as a farm hand. He continued to follow that occupation for six years, during which period he acquired the means to begin farming for himself as a renter in his native county. He remained a resident of Johnson county until 1884, when he removed to Crawford county and purchased land in Union township, which he cultivated for nine years. At the end of that time he bought his present place in Washington township, where he has ever since engaged in general farming and stock-raising. His homestead is well improved and plentifully stocked, while the fields are given the care and supervision which results in excellent harvests, judged as to both quantity and quality. Mr. Kepford is also interested in real estate in Buck Grove.

On March 3, 1886, Mr. Kepford was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Ellen Tillett, of Belmont county, Ohio, a daughter of Henry E. and Mary (Brewer) Tillett. Her father was a native of Virginia and her mother of the Buckeye state. They removed to Iowa in 1858 and located in Cedar county, where they remained for twenty years, and then came to Crawford county, settling upon the place where Mr. Kepford now resides. The father passed away in 1887 but the mother survived until 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Tillett were the parents of the following children: Etheline E., a resident of Buck Grove; Anna Elizabeth, deceased; John Wesley, living in Denver, Colorado; Mary Caroline, deceased; Margaret L., the wife of John A. Horton, living near Sacramento, California; Henry A., a resident of Redfield, South Dakota; Harriet E., the wife of John F. Kepford; Ethelbert W., deceased; Eutes C., living in Goodwin, South Dakota; and Newton B., Edward, Bertha and an infant, all of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kepford have one daughter Martha Eura, who, after completing the common schools, attended the high school at Ames for three years. They also reared E. H. Polzien, who continues to make his home with them.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kepford and their daughter hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Ever since granted the right of franchise Mr. Kepford has given his support to the candidates of the republican party. He always takes an active interest in local governmental affairs, although he has never filled any public office save that of school director. He is a man whose influence can always be counted upon to advance any movement the adoption of which would improve local conditions and is esteemed accordingly in his community.

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### JOHN SCHNOOR.

From a farmer boy to manager of an important mercantile establishment in a flourishing city is a long step and yet it has been made by John Schnoor, now at the head of the Salomon Furniture Company of Denison. The success which has attended his efforts is the result of his industry and enterprise, which are dominant traits in his character. He was born in Holstein, Germany, April 22, 1869, son of Nicholas and Anna (Asmus) Schnoor, both natives of Ger-

many. There were six children in their family, namely: Marie, now deceased; Minnie, who married Herman Rush and is also deceased; Caroline, widow of Claus J. Salomon of Denison; Jacob, of Amherst, Nebraska; John, of Denison; and Emma, who died at the age of nine years. Marie, the first born, was drowned at sea in 1883, going down with the vessel and all on board; Emma lost her life by a sandbank falling upon her; and the father, who was a sailor, died in Germany at the age of forty-eight years. All three of these deaths occurred in 1881. Mrs. Schnoor came to America with her children Caroline, Minnie and John in 1883, her son Jacob having preceded them in March of the same year. The mother died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Caroline Salomon, January 1, 1911. The family is identified with the Lutheran church. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Claus Schnoor, was also a sailor. He died in the same year as Kaiser Wilhelm and they were about the same age. There were three sons in his family: Hans, Jacob and Nicholas, and several daughters. The maternal grandfather, Hans Asmus, was a baker. He died in Germany at the age of about fifty-six years. Six of his children grew to maturity, namely: Henry, Hans, John, Elsabe, Antje, and Anna.

John Schnoor lived in his native country until fourteen years of age and received his early education in the common schools. In 1883 he came to America with his mother and they located on a farm in Crawford county, where he continued until the fall of 1887. In the meantime he assisted in building the railroad yards at Manilla, Iowa. In November, 1887, he went to work at Denison under Claus Sievers, the pioneer harnessmaker of Crawford county, now deceased. After four years with Mr. Sievers, the subject of this review removed to Amherst, Nebraska, and there followed his trade. In 1894 he went to Manning, Iowa, where he remained for four years, and then took up his residence at Denison and for seven years successfully conducted a harness-making establishment in this city. He sold out to the Semmann Manufacturing Company and next entered the employ of his brother-in-law, C. J. Salomon, in the furniture business, and after the latter's death became manager of the concern, in which position he has since continued.

On the 27th of December, 1889, Mr. Schnoor was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Kunz, who was born at Appenrade, Schleswig, Germany, a daughter of Andreas and Augusta (Lorenzen) Kunz. Her parents came to America first in 1880 but made three trips back and forth across the ocean, finally settling in Denison in 1883. The father is now deceased but the mother is living in this city. Of their children Andrew, Amalia, Nicolina, Marie and Augusta are now living. A daughter, Brigita, and a son are deceased. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schnoor, namely: Amanda, Edna, Hilda and Esther.

Mr. Schnoor and his wife are both members of the German Methodist church and their children are also connected with that denomination. Politically, he gives his support to the democratic party. He was elected justice of the peace at Manning but did not qualify as he moved away soon after his election. He served for two years as member of the city council of Illinois. Fraternally, he is identified with Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., and the Eastern Star. He also belongs to Denison Lodge, No. 626, I. O. O. F., the Encampment, the

Rebekahs and the Modern Woodmen of America. A man of unquestioned integrity and high ideals, he has made practical application in business and private life of the beautiful teachings of the orders to which he belongs and is greatly respected by a wide circle of warm personal friends in Denison.

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#### A. H. RUDD.

A. H. Rudd, the proprietor and editor of *The Enterprise*, the local paper of Dow City, is a native of Crawford county, his birth occurring on section 9, Union township, on the 18th of November, 1856. He is the oldest surviving child of John R. and Serelda (Jordan) Rudd, the father a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Keokuk, Iowa. John R. Rudd came to Iowa from Pennsylvania in the early '50s, first locating in Shelby county, where he resided for a brief period and then removed to Crawford county, settling on section 9, Union township, where he continued to reside until 1902. His farm was unbroken prairie when it came into his possession, and after erecting a log cabin he began cultivating the soil and for more than forty years engaged in general farming and stock-raising. Nine years ago he left the farm and is now living retired in Dow City, where he enjoys the ease and comfort awarded him as the result of the close application and self-denial of his youth. Mr. Rudd has always given his political support to the men and measures of the democratic party, while his religious affiliation is with the Latter Day Saints. His wife is a daughter of William and Mary Jordan, who were among the pioneers of Crawford county, where they spent the last years of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Rudd are the parents of eleven children, as follows: Hiram, deceased; A. H., our subject; Alvin, a minister of the Latter Day Saints at Wilberton, Oklahoma; John, a painter and decorator of Dow City; Mary, the wife of Clair Butterworth of Dow City; D. M., living in Orlando, Florida; Ellen, the wife of J. D. Antrim, of Redfield, Iowa; Emma, the deceased wife of J. R. Griffin; S. E., a linotype operator, of Norfolk, Nebraska; Fannie, the wife of John A. Hearst, a farmer of Union township; and the eldest, who died in infancy.

A. H. Rudd acquired his education in the common schools of Dow City and his first business venture was the editing of the newspaper he now owns. He traded a team of horses for the Boyer Valley Clipper, which three months later became known as *The Enterprise*, under which name it has ever since been issued. During the twenty years of his proprietorship it has developed into a clean, popular and wide-awake local newspaper with a good circulation. In addition to the editing of this, Mr. Rudd conducts a job office, in which he is meeting with marked success, as his books show an output of over two and one-half million blanks for the year just ended. He owns the building where his office is located as well as his residence.

In 1887 Mr. Rudd and Miss May Dobson, of this county, were united in marriage, and they have become the parents of the following children: H. R., a graduate of the Dow City high school and the electrical engineering department of the Iowa State College at Ames, now located at North Yakima, Wash-



ington; Vinnie, also a graduate of the high school and the musical department of Graceland College, living at home; Sunshine, who is attending the high school; and Gladys, at home.

The family attend the church of the Latter Day Saints, in which denomination Mr. and Mrs. Rudd are very active workers, he being the priest of the local branch and superintendent of the Sunday school, while Mrs. Rudd has been a teacher of the Sunday school for over twenty years. Politically Mr. Rudd has always affiliated with the democratic party and takes an active part in local governmental matters, having served as township clerk and assessor, while he was also city treasurer for nine years and county supervisor for three. He is one of the progressive as well as public-spirited citizens of the town and through the columns of his paper has urged the adoption of many measures which have been for the improvement and betterment of the community.

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### BENJAMIN SMITH.

The dairy interests of Crawford county find a worthy representative in Benjamin Smith, who resides on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Denison township. Mr. Smith was born in Peekskill, New York, on the 20th of July, 1863, his parents being Benjamin and Catharine (Ellis) Smith, also natives of the Empire state, but whose latter days were spent in Kansas. Ten children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith, as follows: Ida, the wife of Gilbert Lancaster, of Garrison, New York; Byron, residing in Golden, Colorado; Lois, who married Albert Cooper, of Portland, Oregon; Annie, the wife of Richard Hunter, of Abilene, Kansas; Benjamin, our subject; Adelia, also of Abilene; Franklin, a resident of Joplin, Missouri; Susan, the wife of Alexander Wilson, of Abilene, Kansas; Phoebe, who died in infancy; and Charles, of Oklahoma.

The early years of Benjamin Smith's life were spent in New York and Kansas, in the common schools of which states he acquired his education. Coming to Iowa with his parents in 1887 he located in Harlan, where his father had bought two hundred acres of land, in the cultivation of which he assisted, remaining at home until he was married. Subsequent to this event he worked as a farm hand for more than three years, at the end of which period he returned to Kansas, where his father owned eight hundred acres of land, one-half of which our subject rented. After cultivating this for three years Mr. Smith came back to Iowa, locating upon one hundred and eighty acres of land which he rented in Shelby county. He operated this for three years and then rented one hundred and sixty acres elsewhere, upon which he resided for two years. At the end of that period he leased a four hundred-acre tract, which he cultivated for three years. During the time of his residence in the Hawkeye state he had accumulated the capital necessary to buy land, so moving to Crawford county in 1902, he purchased two hundred and eighty acres, in the cultivation of which he was engaged for seven years. Disposing of his interests in 1909 he bought a quarter section in the northeastern part of Denison township, where he is now conducting an extensive dairy business, the majority of his cattle

being shorthorns. This is one of the oldest farms in Denison township, as upon it was built the first frame house in Crawford county, which Mr. Smith has torn down during his residence here. The house was erected about 1856 and was entirely constructed of oak and walnut. Two years ago, while digging a cistern upon his homestead, Mr. Smith found two Indian skulls and a horse-shoe, which he presented to the Rev. Mr. Frazee.

At Harlan, Iowa, on the 25th of March, 1888, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Annie Lorenzen, a daughter of Fred and Anna (Johnson) Lorenzen, natives of the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. Migrating to Iowa many years ago Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen first located in Davenport but are now residing in Pottawattamie county. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom Mrs. Smith is the eldest, the others being: Peter, a resident of Pottawattamie county, Ella, the wife of Henry Gertz, of Luverne, Rock county, Minnesota; Henry, who died in infancy; Herman, living in Shelby county, Iowa; George, a resident of the same county; Edward, also a resident of Shelby county; Laura, the wife of Earnest Bachman, of Pottawattamie county; and Ernest and Rudolph, deceased; and Mollie, also living in Pottawattamie county. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have become the parents of five children: Alma, the wife of Thomas Meade, of Portland, Oregon; Clarence Walter, also of Portland; and Harold, Ralph and Ruby, who is seven years of age, the last three all at home.

The family affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church, while fraternally Mr. Smith is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America. In matters politic Mr. Smith gives his support to the candidates of the democratic party. Not being an office seeker, however, he does not actively participate in civic affairs, preferring to devote his attention to the advancement of his personal interests.

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#### PETER J. HALLOWELL.

Peter J. Hollowell, who engages in general farming and stock-raising on one hundred and sixty acres of land in Paradise township, Crawford county, is a native of this state, having been born in Fayette county, on the 16th of October, 1855. He is the youngest son of the late Joseph and Marcia (Adams) Hollowell, who were among the early residents of this county. He acquired his education in the district schools of Fayette and Crawford counties, remaining a member of his father's household until he had reached the age of twenty-nine years. In 1882 he began working as a farm hand, continuing in this occupation for three years, and at the end of that period he located on the quarter section where he continues to live.

In 1882 Mr. Hollowell was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Scott, a daughter of William and Mary Ann (Garland) Scott, who were also early residents of this county, migrating here from Canada. Four children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Hollowell, who are as follows: Ada E., the wife of J. G. Rule, of Red Oak, Iowa; Inez A., the house secretary of the Young

Women's Christian Association of Des Moines; Joseph E., who married Daisy Glassburner and lives at home; and Jennie E., who is also at home.

Fraternally Mr. Hallowell is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, his local affiliation being with the lodge at Dow City. He has always been a strong advocate of the principles of republicanism and gives his support to the candidates of that party. Although he has never taken a particularly active part in local politics he served for two years as trustee of his township. He is considered one of the successful and substantial agriculturists of the community, his being one of the valuable homesteads in the township.

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### JAMES P. JONES.

A self-made man who started upon his business career without a dollar and has won his way to fortune, James P. Jones, of Denison, is justly held in high regard by all who know him. He was born in Clinton county, Iowa, May 15, 1860, a son of John and Honora (Carlton) Jones, both of whom were natives of County Clare, Ireland, when they were married. The father was reared a farmer and learned the stone-mason's trade in Ireland. He came to America early in the '50s and after stopping for a while in New York state took up his residence in La Salle county, Illinois, working at stone-masonry and house-building. He was employed on the first bridge built across the Mississippi river at Davenport and lived on the island and in Rock Island. He subsequently bought a farm in Clinton county, which he cultivated to good advantage. He died in the northern part of Iowa in 1891, at the age of eighty years. Mrs. Jones, who was born at Mount Shannon, Ireland, in 1823, came to Crawford county in 1879 after her husband's death and lived on a farm in Washington township with her children. She died Sunday, January 8, 1905, at the age of eighty-two years, and was in many respects a remarkable woman. She and her husband were earnest members of the Catholic church.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Rogers Jones, was a farmer and spent his entire life in Ireland. Among his children were William, Rogers, James, John, Maria and others. The maternal grandfather was also a farmer in Ireland. Of his children Honora, Julia and Kate came to America. Honora is the mother of our subject, and Julia, now deceased, formerly lived in Denison. Patrick, one of his sons, died in Ireland. There were ten children in the family of John and Honora Jones, three of whom are now living, namely: Julia, a resident of Denison; James P., the subject of this review; and John H., also of Denison.

James P. Jones was reared on the old homestead in Clinton county and received his early education in the district schools. He was graduated from the Davenport Business College and subsequently came to Denison and started in the live-stock and real-estate business, with which he has ever since been connected. Being a man of energy and good judgment, he has been highly successful in his affairs. He is the owner of six hundred and forty acres in Crawford county and about three sections of land in Sanborn, Spink, Faulk and

Potter counties, South Dakota. On coming to Crawford county, he gathered corn at fifty cents a day and chopped wood for seventy-five cents a cord, working industriously at any honorable employment that he could find. By undaunted perseverance he overcame every obstacle and is now financially independent.

On the 18th of June, 1892, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Isabel C. Blakely, a daughter of David D. Blakely. She was born in New York, her parents being natives of Ireland. Her father came from County Antrim, near Belfast, and her mother from County Galway. They were early settlers of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, her father being identified with a packing house in that city, where he and his wife are still living. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom survive, namely: Kate, David, John, Isabel C., Elizabeth and Grace. Mrs. Jones grew to womanhood in Cedar Rapids and received a fine education, being a graduate of a convent and the Conservatory of Music at Cedar Rapids. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones: David B., who died in infancy; William B.; and James D.

Mr. Jones and his estimable wife were reared in the Catholic faith and are sincere followers of the church. They have resided in Denison many years, and their pleasant home is a favorite gathering place for friends who are always assured of a cordial greeting. Mr. Jones gives his support politically to the republican party. He has served in various township offices but never aspired to larger political honors as his interest has been concentrated upon his family and his business.

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#### CHRIST P. VOLLERSEN.

Another enterprising German, who, through his own well directed effort, is now numbered among the affluent citizens of Crawford county, is Christ P. Vollersen, engaged in the grain and live-stock business in Dow City. A native of the province of Schleswig-Holstein, he was born on the 10th of January, 1867, a son of Christ and Christina (Inguersen) Vollersen, who spent their entire lives in the land of their birth, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits. In their family were the following children: Samuel, living in Germany; Mary, a resident of Duluth, Minnesota; Nicholas, of Ricketts, Iowa; Christ P., our subject; Ingburg, residing in Chicago; Paul, of Germany; and Christina, living in Mineola, this state.

Christ P. Vollerſen lived at home and attended the common schools of his native land until the death of his parents, which occurred when he was fourteen years of age. For three years thereafter he resided with an uncle and then came to America to seek his fortune. He was only a youth of seventeen years when he arrived in the United States, unfamiliar with the language and customs but possessing a rich heritage of thrift, energy and determination, qualities which characterize his countrymen. Making his way westward to Iowa, he first located in Clinton, where he obtained employment in a sawmill and on the railroad until the following autumn, when he went to Dixon, Scott county. In

the latter place he secured work as a farm hand, continuing in that occupation for three years, when he removed to Crawford county, where he followed the same employment for a year. He then rented land in Soldier township, which he cultivated for three years, and at the expiration of that period his tireless energy, economy and capable management made it possible for him to become a property owner and he bought a place in Willow township, upon which he continued to reside for sixteen years. Disposing of the latter place he bought land in Paradise township, which he cultivated for three years, and then came to Dow City and bought the grain and live-stock business of Joseph McCole, including the plants, elevator and yards. Mr. Vollersen has met with most gratifying success in all of his undertakings and as a result now owns two hundred and forty acres of well improved and highly cultivated land in Paradise township besides his business and residence in town.

Nineteen years ago was solemnized the union of Mr. Vollersen and Miss Eliza Peterson, also a native of the province of Schleswig-Holstein, and unto them have been born the following children: Christina, Emma, Minnie, Henry, and Mary, all of whom are at home.

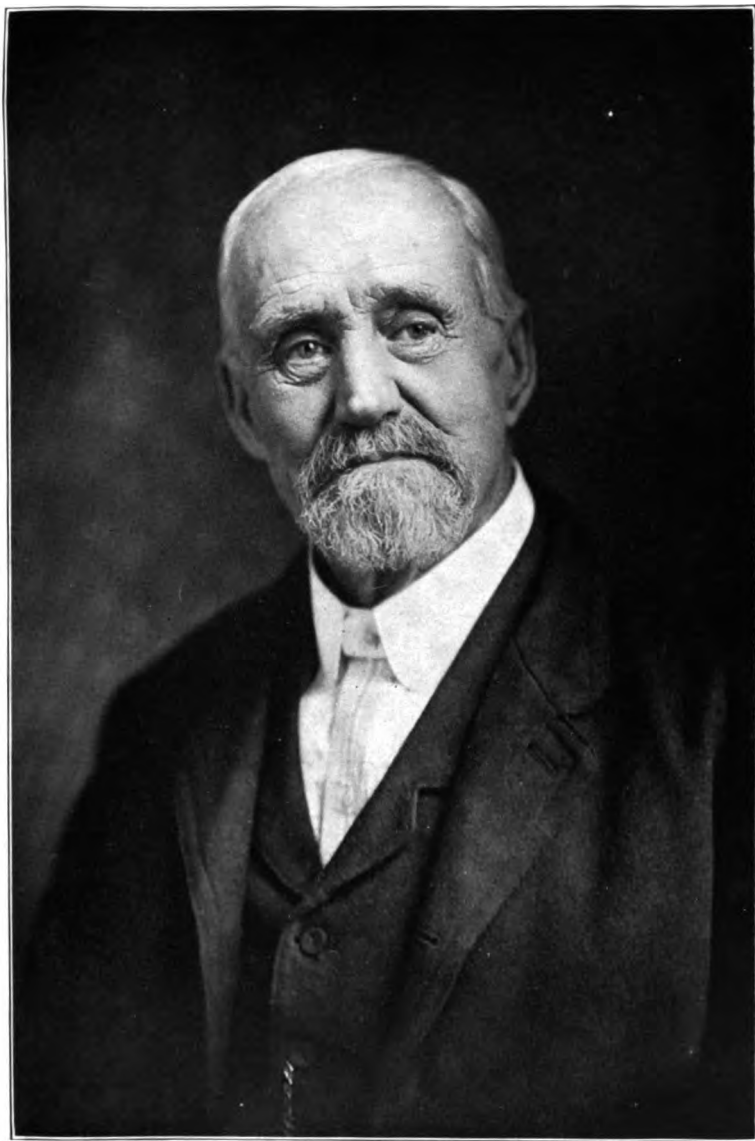
The family attend the services of the German Lutheran church, with which denomination the parents are identified by membership. Ever since his naturalization Mr. Vollersen has given his political support to the democratic party. Although he has never been an aspirant to public honors or the emoluments of office, he at one time served as a school director. He is a quiet, unobtrusive man, whose good judgment, sound principles and honorable business transactions have won the respect of all who come in contact with him.

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#### EDWIN A. FINK.

The state of New York is represented in almost every county of the west by sons or daughters who sought under favorable circumstances to establish a home among strangers. In numberless instances their efforts have met with success and today many of the most honored people of the great west are from the Empire state. Edwin A. Fink, now living retired at Denison at the venerable age of eighty-two years, was born at Prattsville, Green county, New York, August 9, 1829.

His parents were Harry and Lucinda (Beers) Fink, also natives of Greene county, New York. They were descendants of old Holland Dutch families that were among the first settlers in that county. The father was reared as a farmer and devoted his life to that occupation. He came to Iowa in 1879 and died November 1 following, being then seventy-one years of age. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Deloit, Crawford county. His wife departed this life May 28, 1855, at the age of forty-nine years. He was a member of the Dutch Reformed church but she was a devout Methodist. Adam Fink, the paternal grandfather, married Katrina Hummell and died from the effects of the kick of a colt. There were eight children in their family, namely: Peter, Harry, John, Martin, Eli, Margaret, Jane and Polly. The maternal grandfather



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was Cornelius D. Beers, who was a native of New Jersey and engaged in farming. He died when a young man from the effects of a bayonet wound which he accidentally received. His wife was Weighty Disbro and in their family were six children: Seth, Betsy, Lucinda, Harry, Clara and Silas. Eleven children were born to Harry and Lucinda Fink, seven of whom grew to maturity: Cornelius K.; Edwin A., the subject of this review; Cordelia and Cornelia, twins; Willis T., now living in Cherry county, Nebraska; Martha; and Ann Augusta.

Edwin A. Fink was reared in his native county until nineteen years of age and as his parents were poor he had in his boyhood but limited opportunities of education. At eleven years of age he went to live with a widow who gave him his board and clothes and sent him to school. He remained in her home for five years and made himself useful by taking care of about forty head of cattle. After leaving the friendly shelter afforded by this kind-hearted woman, he went to Red Falls and worked in a sawmill and at various other occupations for three years, never receiving during this time more than eight dollars per month.

After a visit at home he started out in 1849, being then not quite twenty years of age, to seek his fortune in the world. He followed the Erie Railroad to Hornellsville, New York, and spent three or four years in Steuben county, at the end of which time he went to Sheboygan, Michigan, in company with about sixty men, to work in the woods and in the sawmills. After a short stay he started southward and at Detroit got off the boat and out of curiosity visited the shops of the Michigan Central Railroad. The businesslike air that prevailed about this establishment attracted his fancy and the next morning he went to work for the company and for nearly two years ran a switch engine in the yards at night. He next found himself in charge of an engine on the construction of a railroad and became so enamored of railroading that he was identified with that line of industry for twenty-five years. In 1866 he came to Clinton, Iowa, and for twelve years followed railway engineering and the machinist's trade.

Mr. Fink arrived in Denison in 1878 on the same train that carried Hon. Leslie M. Shaw and his wife to this city. Later he traded a farm in Clinton county for land in Otter Creek township, Crawford county, upon which he lived for five years. He began with one hundred and sixty acres, to which he later added eighty acres. Subsequently he bought land in Goodrich township and owned at one time four hundred and seventy acres in the township and two hundred and forty acres in Otter Creek township, being one of the leading farmers in that part of the county. He lived in Goodrich township until 1899, when he retired to Denison. He still owns two hundred and twenty acres of land in this county, for which he has refused one hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre. He has been remarkably industrious and enterprising and well merits the prosperity that resulted from his labors.

On the 24th of May, 1855, Mr. Fink was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Amadon, a daughter of Smith Amadon. She passed away on the 12th of January, 1893, at the age of fifty-eight years. There were eleven children in the family, seven of whom grew to maturity, namely: Isabel, who married Dorr Comfort, of Pender, Nebraska, and has become the mother of two children; Hannibal, now owning three-eighths of the old homestead, who married Nellie Comstock and has five children; Nora, who lives on a farm near Laurel, Ne-



braska, and married Eli Johnson, by whom she has three children; Edwin, Jr., living eighty miles south of Dallas, Texas, who married Rhoda Swinson, of Minnesota, and is the father of three children; Oliver, of Wills Point, Van Zandt county, Texas, who married Florence Brogdon and has two children; Harry, now deceased, who married Ida Conquest and had two children; and Eliza, now living at Onawa, Iowa, who married Lewis C. Albright, and is the mother of three children.

Mr. Fink was again married January 7, 1897, his second union being with Mrs. Laney Miller, the widow of Amos H. Miller, who served two years and eight months in the Civil war as a member of the Fourteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and was hurt by a fall from a freight train during his service. He remained an invalid during the rest of his life and at his death left his widow with four small children to care for, but she nobly performed her part, being an excellent mother. The children by her first marriage were: Abram, Eugene, George M., John T. and Frank R. Mrs. Fink was born in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, and is the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Smith) Rice, both of whom were natives of Germany. She came to America with her parents when she was nine months old, in 1831, and was thirteen years of age when her parents moved from New York and settled in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. She migrated to Iowa in 1896.

Mr. Fink has passed through many vicissitudes in the course of his long and useful life. He gained in the great school of experience a practical education which assisted him in becoming a model farmer, setting an example in the conduct of his business which awakened a spirit of enterprise wherever he was known. As a public-spirited citizen he has performed his part in the development of the county, taking a lively interest in the promotion of enterprises calculated to improve the social condition of the people. Possessing a kindly and benevolent disposition, he has generously responded to calls for assistance from those less fortunate than himself, and his actions have always reflected honor upon himself and those with whom he has been associated.

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#### WILLIS H. WIGGINS.

One of the energetic and progressive business men of Dow City is Willis H. Wiggins, a native of this county, having been born in Union township on the 12th of May, 1872. The parents, M. G. and Sarah (Hayes) Wiggins, are still living and also make their home in Dow City.

Mr. Wiggins acquired his education in the public schools of his native town, which he attended off and on until 1890. When old enough to begin working for himself he entered a mill, remaining there until he had thoroughly mastered the trade, at which time he left in order to assist his father in his business. Two years later he opened a place of business of his own. His first venture was a lunch counter, which he most successfully conducted for nine years, and then put in a line of groceries. He has since added general furnishings and shoes, so that he is now handling a general merchandise stock. He has met with most

gratifying success in his various undertakings and has quite extensive real-estate interests in Dow City, owning the building in which his store is located as well as two brick business blocks.

On the 19th of February, 1901, Mr. Wiggins was united in marriage to Miss Kate E. Griffin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin, living near Buck Grove, and they have become the parents of two children: John and Martin.

Mr. Wiggins was reared in the Methodist Episcopal faith but Mrs. Wiggins is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, his local affiliation being with the lodge of Dow City. Ever since attaining his majority Mr. Wiggins has actively participated in all local political matters, always giving his support to the candidates of the republican party. He is held in high regard and served as township treasurer for eight or ten years, which fact indicates his satisfactory discharge of the duties of the office.

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#### WILLIAM H. LAUB.

For thirty years past connected with the business interests of Denison and now most acceptably filling the office of mayor of the city, it may truthfully be said of William H. Laub that he is a leading member of the community. He was born in Benton county, Iowa, June 24, 1855, a son of Henry C. and Lydia (Baer) Laub, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He was less than six months old when his parents brought him to Denison, and he has ever since made his home in this city. He received his preliminary education in the public schools and later attended successively the Indianola, Western and Cornell Colleges. After leaving college he worked for his father until twenty-eight years of age and then on August 13, 1881, embarked in the livery business in Denison, with which he has ever since been connected. From the start he pursued a straightforward policy and by becoming thoroughly acquainted with the wants of the people and maintaining his establishment at a high standard of efficiency he gained a large and growing patronage. He is now reaping the fruits of many years of close application and is in the enjoyment of a handsome competency.

On the 6th of December, 1883, Mr. Laub was united in marriage to Miss Edna Goodspeed, a native of Burlington, Vermont. Her parents were both natives of England and came to this country, settling in Vermont, where they died when she was quite young. Three children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Laub. William Austin, the eldest, is assisting his father in the livery business. Edna Hazel is a teacher of music at Amity Conservatory of Music at College Springs, Page county, Iowa, and has charge of instruction in piano, pipe organ and harmony at that institution, and also teaches several classes in the public schools of College Springs. She is a graduate of the Denison high school, the Conservatory of Music of Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa, having received a diploma from the latter institution on June 9, 1909. Harold is now a student in the Denison public schools.

Mrs. Laub is a member of the Methodist church, but her husband is not identified with any religious denomination. Politically he has since he attained his majority supported the republican party and has been an active worker in its behalf. He was elected mayor of the city in March, 1910, and has administered the office to the general satisfaction of voters of all parties. He has always been known as a man of most admirable principles, thoroughly loyal to his friends, a liberal giver to all worthy objects and a patriotic and broad-minded citizen who has assisted in numberless ways in advancing the permanent welfare of Denison.

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### S. C. DUNHAM.

S. C. Dunham, who has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, is now one of the substantial and representative farmers of East Boyer township. His birth occurred in Clinton county, Iowa, on the 26th of May, 1851, his parents being John A. and Celinda H. (Richardson) Dunham. The father, a native of Fulton county, Illinois, was a son of Cornelius Dunham. The other children of that marriage were Louisa, Cornelius and Sophronia. For his second wife Cornelius Dunham, the paternal grandfather of our subject, chose Mrs. Margaret Miller nee Scott, by whom he had five children, namely: Margaret, who is a resident of Dunlap, Iowa; Samuel S. and Flora, who are deceased; and Martha and Z. T., both living in Dunlap, Iowa. Mrs. Margaret Miller was the widow of Samuel Miller, by whom she had four children, as follows: James, who has passed away; Elizabeth, who is a resident of Rapid City, South Dakota; and Mary Jane and George, both of whom are deceased.

On leaving his native county John A. Dunham, the father of S. C. Dunham, removed to Jackson county, Iowa, where he was married in 1848. Three years later, in 1851, he took up his abode in Clinton county, Iowa, while subsequently he went to Blackhawk county locating on the present site of Cedar Falls. In 1854 he came to Crawford county, locating near Dunham's Grove, where he passed away the same year. He was the father of three children, namely: Alice, who is deceased; S. C., of this review; and Mrs. Elsie Brink, who makes her home in Nebraska. In 1856 Mrs. Celinda H. Dunham gave her hand in marriage to Tracy Chapman, by whom she had nine children, as follows: Lois, who has passed away; Mrs. Phoebe Mason, who is a resident of Vail, Iowa; Mrs. Hulda Martin, living in Omaha, Nebraska; Harlow H., who follows farming in East Boyer township; Delia, who is deceased; Mrs. Salinda North, who makes her home in Milford township; Rhoda, a resident of Vail, Iowa; Tracy, an agriculturist of East Boyer township; and one who died in infancy. The mother of these children was called to her final rest on the 27th of May, 1897, her demise being the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

S. C. Dunham obtained his education in a log schoolhouse at Dunlap, Iowa, and remained under the parental roof until nineteen years of age. At that time he started out as an agriculturist on his own account and the work of the fields

has claimed his attention almost continuously since. With the exception of seven years spent in Nebraska and a period of six years in Monona county, Iowa, he has always made his home in Crawford county. At the present time he operates a tract of one hundred and eighty acres of land in East Boyer township—the site of the old homestead where Cornelius Dunham and Franklin Prentiss, the original settlers of this county, located in 1849. Mr. Dunham owns a farm of eighty acres in Minnesota and is widely recognized as a prosperous and esteemed citizen. He possesses considerable mechanical skill and has invented, among other things, a hay loader which has proved a very useful device, about twenty-five of them being now utilized in Crawford county.

When twenty-three years of age Mr. Dunham was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary J. Miller, by whom he had ten children, the record of whom is as follows: Kate, the wife of Rolla Christy, of Dunlap, Iowa; John A., who is a resident of Los Angeles, California; Lois, the wife of John Rowe, of Missouri Valley, Iowa; Gussie, the wife of Ed Christy, of Dunlap, Iowa; Edith, the wife of Neal Crampton, of Hayes township, this county; Bessie, who is deceased; Tracy, living in Oroville, California; Fanny, the wife of Henry Sowder, of Chadron, Nebraska; and Jessie and Jennie, twins.

Mr. Dunham is a republican in politics and has held a number of township offices, ever discharging his public duties in a most prompt and capable manner. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of Crawford county and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to benefit this section of the country or advance its wonderful development.

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#### CLAUS BIELENBERG.

Claus Bielenberg, who has lived retired in Schleswig for the past nine years, followed farming throughout his active business career and accumulated eleven hundred and ten acres of valuable land, all of which is in Crawford county with the exception of a quarter section which lies in Ida county. His birth occurred in Holstein, Germany, on the 20th of March, 1840, his parents being Hans and Dora (Rusch) Bielenberg, both of whom are deceased. Their children were nine in number, namely: Amelia, the wife of Fred Jaade, of Germany; Claus, of this review; Margaret, the wife of J. Fredricks, of Brooklyn, New York; John, Jacob and Peter, all of whom have passed away; Herman, who when last heard from was in California; Henry, whose demise occurred in New York; Rheina, who is living in Germany.

Claus Bielenberg remained in his native land until he had attained his majority and in 1861 crossed the Atlantic to the United States, wishing to test the truth of the many favorable reports which he had heard concerning the opportunities to be enjoyed in the new world. Making his way to Davenport, Iowa, he first worked as a farm hand for three years and then cultivated rented land for eight years. On the expiration of that period, having accumulated sufficient capital, he purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Craw-

ford county. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he added to his holdings from time to time until they now embrace eleven hundred and ten acres, making him one of the extensive landowners of this part of the state. All of his property lies in Crawford county with the exception of one hundred and sixty acres in Ida county. In 1902 he put aside the active work of the fields and purchased a home at Schleswig, where he has since enjoyed well earned ease. He has added to and remodeled his residence from time to time until it is now very commodious and beautiful.

On the 1st of March, 1864, Mr. Bielenberg was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret Stubbe, a daughter of John and Margaret (Plaht) Stubbe, who had five children, namely: Martin, who is deceased; Mrs. Bielenberg; Sophie, the wife of Claus Warner, of Davenport, Iowa; Lena, the wife of Peter Hahmann, of Schleswig, Iowa; and John, who has also passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Bielenberg are the parents of eight children, as follows: Henry and Fred, who are farming near Schleswig, Iowa; Rosa, the wife of Fred Fredrickson, also living near Schleswig; Dora, the wife of Fred Rienking, near Schleswig; Martha, the wife of Carl Wellendoph, of Ida county; Adolph and Claudius, living near Schleswig, Iowa; and Julius, who makes his home in Nebraska.

Since becoming a naturalized American citizen Mr. Bielenberg has supported the democracy, believing firmly in the principles of that party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought and through their wise utilization has won a place among the most prosperous and respected citizens of his community.

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#### THOMAS AHART.

That Crawford county offers excellent opportunities for ambitious and energetic young men has often been demonstrated but in no instance more clearly than in the career of Thomas Ahart, who is a highly respected citizen of the county and for eight years past a member of the county board of supervisors. He was born near Lake Constance, Germany, December 10, 1863, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Wieland) Ahart. The father engaged in agricultural pursuits in his native land. He came to America with his family in the spring of 1866, arriving in Chicago without money nor did he possess any means of support except his brave heart and strong arms. The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad was at that time being built through Iowa and had been completed as far as Boone. Mr. Ahart engaged to work upon the construction of the road and received transportation for himself and family to Boone. He continued in railroad construction until the line was completed to Dunlap and for two years afterward worked as trackman. He then began farming on a tract of land near the present town of Arion and so continued until his retirement

from active labor in 1906. He and his wife are still hale and hearty and are living in a comfortable home north of Dow City, near their son John.

Thomas Ahart received his education in the country schools, his studies being confined to the common branches, as his assistance was needed at home and the school period was limited to a few months each winter. In those days the country schoolhouses were small and men teachers were usually hired. Spelling bees were in vogue and the boys and girls apparently enjoyed themselves fully as much as they do today. The old schoolhouse in which Mr. Ahart pursued his studies in his boyhood still stands about two and one-half miles southwest of Dow City and is one of the interesting historic landmarks of the neighborhood. At eighteen years of age he laid his books aside and, being the eldest child in the family, applied himself diligently to work upon the home farm. At the age of twenty-three he commenced farming on his own account on the southeast quarter of section 25, Union township. This land was given him by his father but was incumbered with a mortgage of seven hundred dollars. The young farmer met with the usual ups and downs of life in the earlier days, but by patience and perseverance he paid off the incumbrance and purchased two hundred acres, making a total of three hundred and sixty acres in one tract which he now owns, the last land which he bought costing ninety dollars per acre. He acquired eighty acres south of Dow City and later sold this land for thirty-four dollars per acre. He engages in general farming but has devoted a great deal of attention to stock raising and feeding. His place is well equipped and is provided with a beautiful residence, a large barn and other necessary outbuildings. He makes use of the best modern machinery and on account of his perseverance and good judgment has met with an abundant measure of success. Although he has engaged extensively in business for many years he has never been involved in a lawsuit.

Mr. Ahart ever since arriving at manhood has given his support to the democratic party and has been actively identified with political affairs, filling a number of offices of trust and responsibility. He was trustee of Union township for four years and served as school director for many years, having for the last four years been president of the school board of Union township. In the fall of 1902 he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors, taking office January 1, 1903. He has since been continuously on the board and was chairman during 1910, his present term of office extending to January, 1912. During his incumbency the beautiful new courthouse was built at Denison and preparations are now being made to build a county home one mile east of Arion. The cost of the courthouse was one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars, and the estimated cost of the county home with outbuildings is twenty-five thousand dollars. A drainage ditch is also under construction to straighten the course of the Boyer river for eleven miles, beginning a mile east of Arion and emptying into a similar ditch at Dunlap. As a public-spirited citizen Mr. Ahart takes a lively interest in everything pertaining to the upbuilding of the county and is a stockholder in the Crawford Fair Association and the Denison Hospital.

On the 20th of December, 1886, Mr. Ahart was united in marriage at Denison to Miss Anna Honz, who was born in Baden, Germany, July 7, 1863, and came to America in the spring of 1886. Nine children have blessed this union,

seven of whom are now living namely: George William, Mary Regina, Joseph Leo, Linford, Dorothy, John Theodore and Bernard Raymond. A daughter, Kate, died at the age of two years and seven months, and a son died in infancy. George William is now twenty-three years of age and continues at home. Mr. and Mrs. Ahart are giving their children every desirable advantage of education, one son, Leo, now attending the high school in Dow City.

Mr. Ahart and his family are identified with the Roman Catholic church and are members of the parish at Buck Grove. He is not connected with any secret or fraternal order. He is a man of wide observation and has a mind well stored with many interesting reminiscences. He remembers as an incident of his early life that when he was two and one-half years of age his father wheeled him and all their worldly goods in a wheelbarrow from Boone to Jefferson, a distance of twenty-five miles.. The trip was accomplished in one day, after the father had traveled the same distance on that day to secure the wheelbarrow. Mr. Ahart has lived to see a great transformation in Crawford county and has assisted very materially in the upbuilding of the county. He is recognized as a man of highest honor and unimpeachable integrity whose sound business judgment has been of inestimable value to Crawford county. It is doubtful whether any man in this section of the state stands higher in the confidence of the people than the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

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### JOHN ECK.

Since the age of twenty-six years John Eck has applied himself to agriculture in Crawford county and his efforts have not been in vain as he is well established in his business, and a farm of one hundred and sixty acres pays tribute to his industry. He is a native of Germany, born January 10, 1856, and is a son of John and Lena (Moeller) Eck, both of whom were born in Germany. The father died in 1869, when the subject of this review was thirteen years of age, and the mother was called away in 1881. In their family were seven children: Katrina, deceased; Matilda, now living in Germany; Lena, also in Germany; Wilhelmina, deceased; John, of this review; Theodore, who lives in Nebraska; and Wiebke, living in Germany.

John Eck gained his education in the public schools of the old country and remained at home until twenty-six years of age. Having decided, however, that the new world offered superior advantages, he crossed the ocean to the United States and came to Crawford county, working by the month for three years as an introduction to his experience as a farmer in Iowa. Having thus obtained a practical knowledge of the work for which he showed an adaptability, he rented land for three years and at the end of that time he purchased eighty acres in Charter Oak township. He cultivated his farm for seven years, and, having decided to locate in another part of the township, he sold his land and bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 30 and 31, where he still lives. He raises the various grains best adapted to the climate and soil, and his livestock interests contribute liberally to his income.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN ECK





In 1885 Mr. Eck was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Hargens, who was born in Germany, November 5, 1866. She emigrated to America as a child with her mother, the father having died leaving four children: Gertrude and John, both of South Dakota; Minnie, now Mrs. John Eck; and Celia, deceased. Five children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eck: John, who was born January 31, 1886, and is still living at home; Lena, who was born April 1, 1889, the wife of Herman Schneekloth, now conducting the home farm for Mr. Eck; Ferdinand, born March 28, 1891; William, who died in infancy; and Henry, who died at the age of three months. The mother of these children died in 1895, at the age of twenty-nine years. She was a woman of many attractive qualities, an invaluable assistant to her husband and to her children a true and loving parent.

Mr. Eck and his family are members of the German Lutheran church and take a deep personal interest in its welfare. Ever since becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States he has supported the democratic party, believing that its principles are more conducive to good government than those of any other party. He has been prominent in local affairs and for four years past has served as township trustee and for eight years as a member of the school board. He is a true friend of education and is active, wide-awake and efficient in all his undertakings, fully deserving the respect in which he is held by those who know him.

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#### RUFUS L. HILL.

Living retired after many years of active participation in business affairs, Rufus L. Hill, of Denison, is one of the truly successful men of Crawford county. He is a native of Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, born March 31, 1841, a son of Thomas G. and Marilla (Bliss) Hill, both of whom were also born in the Keystone state. The mother was a cousin of the noted singer, P. P. Bliss, who was killed in a wreck in Ohio several years ago. The father, who was for many years a lumberman, came west in 1851 and located near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he engaged in farming. In 1878 he took up a homestead near Alma, Nebraska, continuing there until 1889, when he and his wife went to Holdrege, Nebraska, to live with the subject of this review. In 1902 they came to Denison and continued here until their deaths in the spring of 1908. The father was then ninety-one and the mother eighty-eight years of age. They traveled life's journey together from 1839, a period of sixty-nine years, and presented a beautiful example of fidelity and harmony in their domestic relations. They were devout Methodists and died in the triumph of a living faith in God and immortality.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Thomas Hill, a native of Vermont. He was a soldier of the war of 1812 and served with his regiment at Sacketts Harbor, New York. Later he engaged in farming near Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and died there at an advanced age. His wife, Mrs. Permelia Hill, was a native of Massachusetts. In their family were: Charles C.; Thomas G.;

Frederick, who died from the effect of wounds received in the Civil war; Horace, who was also a soldier in the Civil war and died in Andersonville prison; Eliphalet P., who was a passenger conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad for more than forty years; and Alexander, who is now engaged in the dry-goods business at Homer City, Pennsylvania. Jeremiah Bliss, the grandfather on the maternal side, was born in Massachusetts and was a farmer and carpenter. He married Mary Lucore, and they had eight children, Marilla L., James, Sylvia, Mary, Isaac, Jeremiah, Anna and John.

Twelve children were born to Thomas G. and Marilla Hill, five of whom are now living, namely: Rufus L., the subject of this review; James J., of Linn county, Iowa; Alexander F., of Arkansas; Mary, the wife of Hiram Harris, of Goodnight, Oklahoma; and Albina, now Mrs. G. S. McCorkle, of Alma, Nebraska.

Rufus L. Hill was reared in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and received his education in the public schools. In his early manhood he ran an engine in his father's lumber mill but after his marriage engaged in farming in Linn county for a short time and then entered the sewing machine business in Tama county, after which he became connected with the marble business at Holdrege, Nebraska, continuing there from 1879 to 1897. In the latter year he came to Denison and engaged in the same business with marked success, recently, however, having turned over the management to his sons, Walter L. and Albert R.

On the 1st of January, 1863, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Margaret E. Wayt, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of William C. and Elizabeth Wayt. The parents were also natives of Pennsylvania and were Quakers, or Friends. The mother died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at the age of forty-three, and the father in Jefferson, Iowa, at the age of eighty-six years. Four of their children grew to maturity, John J., Margaret E., Wooster B. and Benjamin F. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hill, namely: Carrie, who married J. T. Strome, of Grand Junction, Colorado, and has eleven children; Walter, of Omaha, Nebraska, who married Elizabeth Bull and is the father of seven children; Marilla, now of Blackfoot, Idaho, who married Grant Fraker and is the mother of seven children; Albert R., who married Birdie E. Ewall and is the father of three children; Cora, who died at the age of seven years; Frank C., now of Emporia, Kansas, who married Clara Holmes and has an adopted son; Earl; Paul, who died at the age of two and one-half years; Mary, who died at the age of six months; and Warren, who died at the age of eight months. The mother of these children passed away in 1888 at the age of forty-four years.

On the 17th of September, 1889, Mr. Hill was married to Mrs. Eliza A. Wilson, the widow of Harrison J. Wilson, of Fairfield, Grundy county, Iowa, a daughter of James M. and Caroline M. (Davidson) Collier. Mrs. Hill by her former marriage had six children: Ira J., now of Dickinson, North Dakota, who married Viola Chase and is the father of four children; George F., of Cedar Falls, Iowa, who married Effie Burgess and is the father of four children; Carrie H., of Waterloo, Iowa, who married Rev. E. N. Miller and is the mother of six children; Wellington M., who married Mattie Gibson, now deceased, by whom he had two children, and for his second wife wedded Mrs. S. E. Hanson;

Ernest M. of Cedar Falls, Iowa, who married Mary Dority, and is the father of one child, a daughter; and Julia O., who married William P. Cox and is now living at Enid, Oklahoma. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Eliza A. Hill was James Collier, who married Margaret Driesdal and became the father of one son. The maternal grandfather was Ira Davidson. His wife was Luania Clark. Mrs. Hill has five great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill reside in a beautiful home in Denison, which is the center of generous hospitality. He has made a study of social and political questions and as a result gives his support to the prohibition cause as representing the most important problem of the times. He is a man of patriotic and loyal nature which frequently finds avenues of expression, making him a prominent member of the community. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in Company H, Twentieth Iowa Regiment, but was rejected on account of rheumatism. In business affairs he has always been controlled by principles of the highest honor, and he enjoys in the evening of a long and active life the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

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#### THOMAS J. HOFFMAN.

Thomas J. Hoffman, who has served as postmaster of Vail since his appointment to that office on the 1st of July, 1897, has also been successfully engaged in the grain and stock business here for more than a third of a century. His birth occurred in Iowa on the 4th of December, 1846, his parents being Henry and Nancy (Baldwin) Hoffman, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Kentucky respectively. They took up their abode in Keokuk county, Iowa, in 1846 and the following year entered land in Boone county, where the father erected a log cabin. The primitive little structure had a clapboard roof, a puncheon floor and a door with a string latch. That the region was still but sparsely settled is indicated by the fact that the nearest market was Davenport. Henry Hoffman passed away in Boone county in 1869, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1878, her demise occurring in Crawford county. Their children were eleven in number, namely: Elizabeth, who is a resident of West Bend, Iowa; Thomas J., of this review; Ella, the wife of Everell Springer, of Pennsylvania; and eight who are deceased.

Thomas J. Hoffman attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained with his father until 1864, when he joined Company H, Forty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, serving with that command for one hundred days. On the expiration of his term of enlistment he returned to Boone county, Iowa, and in 1867 came to Crawford county, purchasing a farm whereon he resided for ten years. On abandoning agricultural pursuits he took up his abode in the village of Vail, where he has been identified with the grain and stock business continuously since, having met with success in his undertakings in this connection. He was appointed postmaster of Vail by President McKinley on the 1st of July, 1897, and for the past fourteen years has discharged the duties of this office in a most satisfactory and commendable man-

ner. Mr. Hoffman has a nice residence in Vail and also owns the building in which the postoffice is located.

In 1869 Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage to Miss Debbie Leonard, a native of Michigan and a daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Leonard. Unto them were born three children, as follows: Leonard S., who is married and acts as assistant postmaster of Vail; Harry B., who is a resident of Denver, Colorado; and Earl E., living in Vail, Iowa. The wife and mother passed away on the 8th of February, 1903, her remains being interred in the Vail cemetery. In 1908 Mr. Hoffman was again married, his second union being with Miss Annie Wall, a native of England, who came to the United States with her parents at an early day. Both her father and mother are now deceased.

In politics Mr. Hoffman is a republican and for several years he served on the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Diamond Lodge, No. 422, at Vail, in which he has filled some of the chairs. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Good qualities of heart and mind have gained for him warm and lasting friendships and he has a wide and favorable acquaintance in this part of the county.

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#### HERMAN W. BOECK.

The agricultural interests of Crawford county find a worthy representative in Herman W. Boeck, who is operating a quarter section of rich and productive land in East Boyer township. His birth occurred in Davenport, Iowa, on the 9th of October, 1875, his parents being Henry and Catherina (Kahler) Boeck, both of whom are natives of Holstein, Germany. The father, who was born January 24, 1839, crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1859, locating in Davenport, Iowa, where in March, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company E, Second Iowa Cavalry. He served with that command for four years and four months, and was mustered out with the rank of second sergeant. He made a creditable military record, never faltering in the performance of any task assigned him. On returning to Davenport he became identified with industrial interests as a contractor and builder, investing his earnings in Crawford county land. At the present time his holdings embrace twelve hundred acres of valuable land here. He retained his residence in Davenport and managed his estate in Crawford county from that point. A portion of the property is now being operated by our subject. Henry Boeck has been twice married, his first union being with Elizabeth Peterson, by whom he had three children, namely: William F., who is a resident of Nishnabotny township, Crawford county; Laura, the widow of Otto J. Teegen, of Davenport, Iowa; Lizzie, the wife of Fritz Brandenburg, of East Boyer township, this county. Unto Henry and Catherina (Kahler) Boeck, who celebrated their marriage in Davenport, were born five children, as follows: Herman W., of this review; Ferdinand and August H., both of whom are residents of Davenport, Iowa; George H., living in Nishnabotny township; and Louisa, the wife of August A. Schnoor, of Nishnabotny township.

Herman W. Boeck obtained his education in the public schools of his native city and also pursued a short course of study in the Iowa Commercial College. When a lad of eleven years he began spending his summers on his father's land in Crawford county, attending school in Davenport during the winter seasons. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his time and energies throughout his entire business career and have proved a gratifying source of remuneration to him. He now operates one hundred and sixty acres of land belonging to his father in East Boyer township and annually harvests good crops which find a ready sale on the market.

In 1897 Mr. Boeck was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Blunk, a native of Germany, who accompanied her parents on their emigration to the new world when a little maiden of four or five years. Mr. and Mrs. Boeck now have three children: Oliver C., Benton H. and Alfred R.

Mr. Boeck is a republican in politics and is serving his second term as township clerk, while for three years he held the office of assessor. He belongs to the Sons of Veterans at Denison and is also a member of the Masonic fraternity at Manilla, Iowa. Both Mr. and Mrs. Boeck are identified with the Eastern Star at Manilla and are also consistent members of the Lutheran church at that place. They are well known and highly esteemed as people of genuine personal worth and the hospitality of the best homes of the locality is freely accorded them.

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### JOHN B. DUNBAR.

Although thirteen years have passed since John B. Dunbar, of Denison, was called from earthly scenes, his memory survives in the hearts of many to whom he was endeared by acts of courtesy and kindness. He was a native of Swanton, Franklin county, Vermont, born November 9, 1842, and was a son of Almon C. and Fannie (Crawford) Dunbar, both of whom were born in Vermont. The father was a miller at Swanton and died after he had passed the age of seventy years, his wife departing this life five years later. They were both members of the Methodist church. There were seven children in their family: John B., the subject of this review; George B. and Almon C., deceased; Elisha B., now living at West Danville, Vermont; Sidney, of Richford, Vermont; Sarah, who married Stephen Jones; and Alice, the wife of George Jones, who, although of the same name, was not related to Stephen Jones.

John B. Dunbar was reared in his native town and attended the public schools, graduating from the high school. After laying aside his books he assisted his father in the mill, continuing in Vermont until he was thirty-one years of age. In 1873 he came west and located in Denison, Iowa, where he engaged in the milling business and later became interested in insurance and real estate in company with Charles Bullock. He was for twenty-five years a resident of Denison and became recognized as one of its most respected citizens.

On the 8th of December, 1861, Mr. Dunbar was united in marriage to Miss Mercy M. Phelps, who was born at Stanbridge, Quebec, Canada, February 7, 1846, a daughter of Elnathan and Phoebe (Blakely) Phelps, both of whom were

natives of Connecticut and went with their parents to Canada. Elnathan Phelps died in Canada at the age of sixty years and his wife passed away five years later, being then sixty-three years of age. They were the parents of the following children: Eliza, John B., Zaccheus Lock, Zaccheus Aylmer, William E., Albert T., Anna J. and Mercy M. The father comes of Revolutionary stock, the greatgrandfather having been a soldier under General Washington. The maternal grandfather, Zaccheus Blakely, was a farmer of Connecticut. Four daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar: Emma Eliza, who died at the age of seventeen and one-half months; Ella Eunice, who passed away at the age of three years and seven months; Ada Julia, who died at the age of eleven years; and Lena Phelps, whose death occurred at the age of nine years.

Mr. Dunbar died August 9, 1898, having reached the age of fifty-six years and being then in the midst of an active and useful career. He was identified with the Baptist church, of which Mrs. Dunbar is also a member. Fraternally he was connected with the Masonic lodge at Richford, Vermont, in which he retained membership after coming west, and politically he gave his adherence to the republican party. During the Civil war he served as cavalryman, guarding the frontier against the rebels, and he bravely performed his duty in war as well as in times of peace, when he set an example of industry, application and helpfulness to others well worthy of imitation.

Although Mrs. Dunbar has been sorely afflicted by the loss of those she held most dear, she has been sustained by an unflinching trust in a Divine hand that guides all things aright, and her faith in the assurance of holy writ has never been shaken. She has many friends in Denison whom she has attracted by qualities of mind and heart that are recognized the world over as the foundation of a beautiful character. She will make her home in Lafayette, Indiana.

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#### THOMAS JOCHIMSEN.

Thomas Jochimsen, who follows general farming and stock-raising in East Boyer township, is the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land. His birth occurred in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 5th of October, 1856, his parents being Claus and Anna (Ratje) Jochimsen, who were born, reared and married in that country. The father, who worked as a carpenter in Germany, crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1878, first locating in Davenport, Iowa, where he spent nine months. On the expiration of that period he came to Crawford county, settling in East Boyer township, where he made his home until 1883. In that year he purchased and located upon a tract of raw prairie land in Nishnabotny township, improving the property and bringing it under a high state of cultivation. His demise, which occurred in 1902, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had lived in Crawford county for almost a quarter of a century and had gained an extensive circle of friends here. His wife died in 1904, her remains being interred in the Nishnabotny cemetery. They reared a family of six children, as follows: Thomas, of this review; Botilda, the wife of Conrad Eric, of Council Bluffs;

Peter, who is a resident of Manilla, Iowa; Kate, the wife of Hans Miller, of Ida county, Iowa; Henry, living in Nishnabotny township; and Claus, who makes his home in Colorado.

Thomas Jochimsen obtained his education in the common schools of his native land and after putting aside his text-books worked as a farm hand. He was a young man of twenty-two when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world and in 1888 started out as an agriculturist on his own account in Crawford county, cultivating land which he rented from his father until 1892. In that year he located upon his present farm in East Boyer township, first purchasing one hundred and sixty acres. By additional purchase he extended the boundaries of the place until it now embraces three hundred and twenty acres of land which responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. The property is lacking in none of the improvements and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century and in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the careful supervision of the owner. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate Mr. Jochimsen devotes considerable attention to stock-raising, finding both branches of his business profitable as well as congenial.

In 1891 Mr. Jochimsen was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Neimeyer, who was born in Germany and came to the United States with her parents in 1877. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four children: Anna, Eddie, Henry and Herbert, all at home.

In politics Mr. Jochimsen is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. In an analyzation of his character and life work we note many of the characteristics which have marked the German nation for many centuries,—the perseverance, reliability, energy and unconquerable determination to pursue a course that has been marked out. It is these sterling qualities which have gained to Mr. Jochimsen success in life and made him one of the substantial and valued citizens of East Boyer township.

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#### EDMUND HOWORTH.

As one of the pioneers and extensive landowners of Union township, Edmund Howorth has for over half a century been identified with the agricultural development of Crawford county. He was born in North Lancashire, England, December 23, 1823, a son of Ferdinand and Mary (Howorth) Howorth, the former of whom was also a native of Lancashire, whence he emigrated to the United States in 1842, locating in Athens county, Ohio. Here he remained until 1853 and then moved to Union township, Crawford county, Iowa. He had followed the occupation of wool comber in the old country but upon taking up his residence in Iowa he engaged in farming and continued along this branch of industry until his death. His wife, who was also a native of England, departed this life in Crawford county, her remains being interred in the Dow City cemetery. Of the eight children born to this couple but two survive: Edmund, of this review; and Daniel, who resides in Dunlap, Iowa.



Edmund Howorth obtained his early education in the elementary schools of England and continued to reside in the land of his birth until 1850, when he decided to seek new fields for his endeavors and came to the United States, eventually, in 1853, locating in Union township, this county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land for one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. This he improved and continued to reside upon until 1901, a year later taking up his abode in Dow City. During this time he had, by unwonted thrift and diligence, added to his landholdings until they aggregated twelve hundred and five acres, all of which is located in Union and Goodrich townships.

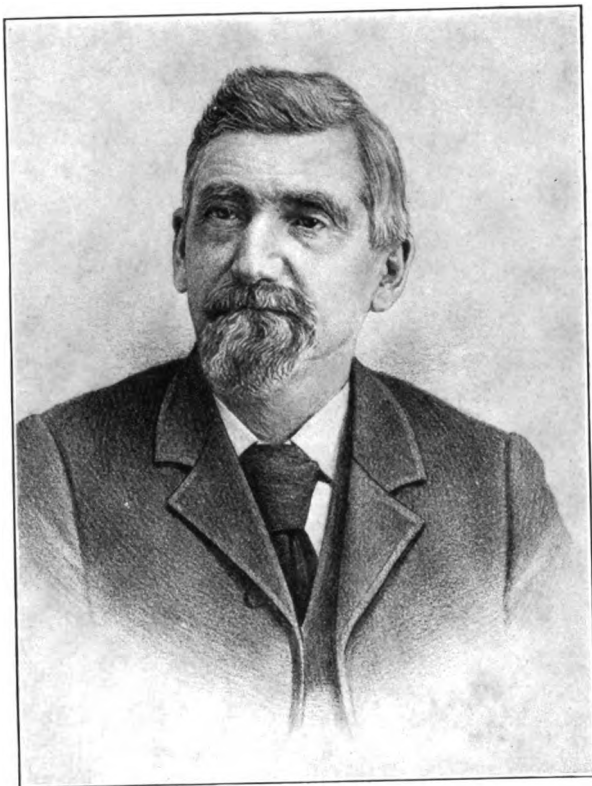
The marriage of Mr. Howorth was solemnized in 1862, when he was united to Miss Sabina Goodrich, a daughter of Isaac Goodrich, of Goodrich township. She died in November, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Howorth became the parents of nine children, of whom the following survive: John William; Mary; Lulu; Isaac, who lives in Goodrich township; Margaret, who became the wife of Fred E. Butler and lives in Lewiston, Idaho; and Frank C., who resides in Union township. The active work of the farm is now entrusted to the sons, who have added very materially to the estate, bringing it to an unusual state of cultivation and greatly enhancing its value. While general farming in all its branches is carried on, they make a specialty of raising blooded horses, in which they have met with unusual success.

Mr. Howorth is an independent Republican and has served as trustee of Goodrich township. In his religious faith he is a consistent and faithful member of the Baptist church. He has now passed his eighty-seventh milestone on his journey through life and in reviewing his career it is found to be characterized by industry and integrity in all his business dealings and by faithfulness to every trust imposed upon him in other relations of life.

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#### IRA C. GILLMOR.

Ira C. Gillmor has not only acquired unqualified success as an extensive stock-raiser in Crawford county but has also been connected prominently with the public affairs of Denison township and has done much to advance its interests both politically and socially. Mr. Gillmor was born on the adjoining farm to the north, June 12, 1876, a son of Isaac Gillmor, and successively passed through the public and high schools of Denison, later pursuing his studies in Cornell University at Mount Vernon. Upon concluding his course there he entered into partnership with his father on the old homestead, which connection continued until 1898, when he removed into Denison, in order to widen his field of endeavor. For the ensuing five years he engaged in the livestock business, buying and shipping, a part of this time special attention being given to western horses. Subsequently he removed to his present property on sections 28 and 29, Denison township, consisting of three hundred and sixty acres of some of the best grazing land in the state. With increased facilities he has continued to engage in the live-stock business, his past wide experience enabling him to build up a large and ever growing trade in that branch of industry. He



**ISAAC GILLMOR**



is now stocking his farm with registered Aberdeen Angus cattle, of which he will make a specialty as a breeder. Aside from his live-stock interests he has considerable landholdings in South Dakota.

The marriage of Mr. Gillmor took place April 20, 1898, when he was united to Miss Mabel Hardy, a daughter of A. P. Hardy. She was educated in the Dow City schools and high school, later attending Denison College, after which she taught for three years in the rural schools of Denison township. To Mr. and Mrs. Gillmor have been born two children, namely: Ira Hardy, March 16, 1899, and Zella Olive, May 12, 1902.

Mr. Gillmor has taken a conspicuous part in the political history of his township, always doing everything in his power that would tend toward clean government. A staunch republican, he has been chosen by his party at different times to fill positions of responsibility, has served two terms as township clerk, being at the present time the incumbent of that office, has been clerk of election for seven years and filled the position of secretary of the school board for six years. In discharging the duties of the offices he has shown his executive ability and proven his loyalty to the general welfare in such a manner as to command the generous esteem and respect of his fellow townsman. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and socially is a member of the P. E. O. Mr. Gillmor stands as a type of the highest manhood, is a man of strict integrity, ever upright and honest in all his business transactions, always genial and courteous with his fellow beings, and his numerous friends recognize in him all the sterling qualities for which he is well known.

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### JOHN SAGGAN.

John Saggan, one of the well known and prosperous residents of Denison, is a native of the fatherland, his birth having occurred in Holstein on the 1st of May, 1867. His parents, H. H. and Christina Saggan, who were also born in Germany, crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1872 and during the first five years of their residence in the new world made their home in Chicago, Illinois. In 1877 they came to Crawford county, Iowa, spending the remainder of their lives on a farm here. H. H. Saggan passed away in 1910, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1907. They reared a family of three children, namely: Mary, the wife of Paul Rosburg, of Plymouth county, Iowa; John, of this review; and Martin, who is a resident of Denison, Iowa.

John Saggan, who was a little lad of five years when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. On attaining his majority he rented the place and was busily engaged in its cultivation for ten years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Denison, where he has remained to the present time, being engaged in business as the proprietor of a saloon. He now owns a brick business block containing five store buildings on West

Broadway and is widely recognized as a substantial and representative citizen of the community.

In February, 1892, Mr. Saggan was united in marriage to Miss Ella Jepsen, a daughter of Peter and Anna Jepsen, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this volume. Unto our subject and his wife have been born five children, as follows: Henry P., Saggan Hugo, Martin, Edward and Harry.

Mr. Saggan gives his political allegiance to the democracy but has no desire for the honors and emoluments of office. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge No. 393 at Denison. He well merits the proud American title of a self-made man, owing his present prosperity entirely to his own efforts.

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#### ALBERT BANDOW.

Albert Bandow, a successful and enterprising agriculturist of East Boyer township, is the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres. His birth occurred on Canal street in Chicago, Illinois, on the 23d of June, 1875, his parents being Christ and Frederica (Witenberg) Bandow, who were born, reared and married in Germany. The father, who worked as a farm hand in Germany, crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1870, locating in Chicago, Illinois, where he was employed in a tanning establishment for six years. On the expiration of that period, in 1876, he removed to Carroll county, Iowa, taking up his abode in Washington township, where he made his home until called to his final rest in 1900. His widow, who still survives, now makes her home with one of her sons in East Boyer township, Crawford county. They were the parents of eleven children, seven daughters and four sons, namely: Mary, the wife of William Jensen, of Arcadia, Iowa; Lena, the wife of George Kellen, of Garden, Michigan; Sophia, the wife of Henry Precht, of Jennings, Louisiana; Anna, the wife of Charles Segbert, of East Boyer township; Bertha, the wife of Nels Bredahl, of Adair county, Iowa; Emma, the wife of Hans Bredahl, of Adair County, Iowa; Albert, of this review; Amelia, who is deceased; Lewis, living in East Boyer township; Julius, who is with his brothers; and Charles, who is likewise a resident of East Boyer township.

Albert Bandow acquired his education in the district schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. At that time he started out as an agriculturist on his own account and in connection with the tilling of the soil also engaged in threshing. His present farm of one hundred and sixty acres in East Boyer township was his original and only purchase of land and is now under a high state of cultivation and improvement. He keeps good graded stock and in both his farming and live stock interests has won a gratifying measure of success.

On the 8th of September, 1899, Mr. Bandow was united in marriage to Miss Frieda Jager, a native of Clayton county, Iowa, born May 16, 1881, and a daughter of Lewis and Minnie (Lapel) Jager. Her father, a native of Germany, emigrated to America in 1867 and passed away March 24, 1898. The mother of

Mrs. Bandow died November 7, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Jager were the parents of five children, as follows: Herman and Lewis, both of whom are deceased; Mrs. Albert Bandow; Adella, the wife of Lewis Bandow, of East Boyer township; and Ella, who has also passed away. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children: Lewis, Carl and Herbert, all at home.

Mr. Bandow gives his political allegiance to the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, both he and his wife belonging to the church of that denomination. His salient characteristics are such as make for good citizenship in any community and which win the esteem, confidence and good-will of all.

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### CHAUNCY D. MILLER.

Coming of worthy ancestry and early imbued with an ambition to win an honored name in the world, Chauncy D. Miller, of Denison, has succeeded in maintaining the good name of his family and also in earning substantial recognition as a leading citizen of Crawford county. He was born in Tompkins county, New York, January 4, 1846, a son of Andrew J. and Marilla (Searles) Miller, the former of whom was a native of New York and the latter of Massachusetts. The father was reared as a farmer and moved to Huron county, Ohio, in 1852, where he lived for sixteen years, then taking up his residence in Lenawee county, Michigan, where he spent the remainder of his life, being called away after he had passed the eightieth milestone of his earthly career. His wife survived him and died in Crawford county, Iowa, when about eighty years of age. Mr. Miller was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and a leader in the community. He took an active part in politics and held various town offices, always discharging his duties with the highest sense of honor. He and his wife were consistent members of the Baptist church. Alexander Miller, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of New York. He served as an officer in the Revolutionary war and applied for a pension from the government when he was one hundred and four years old. The grandfather Searles was a native of Massachusetts but moved to New York state, where he passed his later years. He lived to the age of ninety-two.

Nine children were born to Andrew J. and Marilla Miller, three of whom are now living, namely: Aretas H., who was for three years a soldier in the Civil war and now makes his home in Denison; Clara E., the wife of Henry Hall, of Boyne, Michigan; and Chauncy D., our subject.

Chauncy D. Miller at the age of six years moved with his parents to the state of Ohio, where he grew to manhood and received his education in the public schools. In 1868 he accompanied his parents to Michigan, but having decided to make his home west of the Mississippi river, he traveled across the country in the fall of 1871, his objective point being Crawford county, Iowa. He began life in this county by renting a farm in Denison township but later moved to the city of Denison, where he lived for three years. He then bought one hundred acres in East Boyer township, which he greatly improved. He has

acquired more land and owns one hundred and forty-three acres in one tract. He continued upon his farm until 1898, when he rented it to his son, and once more took up his residence in Denison. In 1899 he entered the milling business and in the spring of the following year he built a modern mill at Denison, which he has ever since operated. Under excellent management, the business has been largely developed and the products of the mill are now distributed over a radius of many miles in this section.

In September, 1868, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Marcia T. Butler, a native of Morenci, Michigan, and a daughter of Flavel and Jane (Baldwin) Butler. Elias Baldwin, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Miller, moved from Massachusetts to Michigan in the territorial days of the latter state and was prominent in business and municipal affairs. His wife was Tryphena Moore before her marriage. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, namely: Ethel T., now a bookkeeper in her father's mill, who graduated from the Denison Normal School and taught school for ten years; Arthur W., who is connected with a fruit-packing establishment at Whittier, California; Albert E., who was graduated from the University of Iowa and is now in the law department of the census bureau at Washington, D. C.; and Edward F., who married Miss Daisy Miller, of New York, and is now in the paymaster's department at Mare Island navy yard. Miss Ethel T. Miller is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is a lady of unusually fine mental attainments.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are active members of the Baptist church, in which he serves as trustee. Politically he is allied with the republican party and has held various township offices. He was for nine years consecutively a member of the school board of East Boyer township and also served as justice of the peace. He is a man of energy, enterprise and progressiveness, and his labors have met with deserved financial reward. Always prompt and straightforward in his dealings, he enjoys the confidence of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in this part of the state.

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#### LEONARD S. HOFFMAN.

Leonard S. Hoffman, who was appointed assistant postmaster of Vail on the 1st of July, 1897, has since ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in that connection. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Crawford county, his birth having here occurred on the 21st of February, 1877. His parents were Thomas J. and Debbie (Leonard) Hoffman, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work. He attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and was reared to manhood under the parental roof. Starting out to earn his own livelihood, he entered the service of the Northwestern Railroad Company and remained in the employ of that corporation for a year and a half. On the 1st of July, 1897, he was appointed assistant postmaster of Vail and has held the office continuously since, aiding his father, who has acted as postmaster for the past fourteen years. He owns

a fine residence and also a lot in Vail and is widely recognized as a substantial and respected citizen of the community.

On the 30th of November, 1897, Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. Crampton, who was born in Crawford county on the 11th of April, 1880, her parents being Benjamin and Jane Crampton, natives of England. Following their emigration to the new world they took up their abode in Clinton county, Iowa, but are now residents of Vail. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have four children, namely: Gladys, Grace G., Dorothy J. and Edward C.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Hoffman has supported the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Diamond Lodge, No. 422, at Vail, of which he has served as secretary for eleven years. He is also a member of Homestead Lodge, No. 659, of the Yeomen and likewise belongs to the Pioneer Homestead Association of Des Moines, Iowa. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, with which his wife is also affiliated. They have spent their entire lives in Crawford county and enjoy a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

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#### FRANK E. COMSTOCK.

Frank E. Comstock, a well known and enterprising agriculturist of East Boyer township, resides on a highly improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres and also owns a quarter section of land in Iowa township. His birth occurred in this state on the 5th of October, 1880, his parents being John W. and Ella (Keller) Comstock. A sketch of the father appears on another page of this work. John W. Comstock came to Crawford county when his son Frank was one year old and has resided within its borders continuously since. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, as follows: Charles, who is a resident of Montana; Frank E., of this review; Nellie, the wife of Patrick Hassett, who follows farming in Denison township; and May, Dowie, David and Mabel, all of whom are yet at home.

Frank E. Comstock attended the common schools of Nishnabotny township in the acquirement of an education and remained on his father's farm until twenty-six years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. He resided in Goodrich township for two years and then came to East Boyer township, locating on the farm which has remained his place of abode continuously since. The property embraces one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land and all of the improvements thereon stand as monuments to his enterprise and industry. In addition to his home farm he owns a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Iowa township, which is also under a high state of cultivation. He annually gathers rich and abundant harvests as a reward for his labor and well deserves recognition among the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

On the 24th of April, 1906, Mr. Comstock was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Hassett, a daughter of Jerry and Bridget (O'Donovan) Hassett, who



are natives of Ireland and now make their home in Denison, Iowa. They are the parents of eleven children, namely: Mary, the wife of Michael McMann, of Denison, this state; Con, who is a resident of East Boyer township; Bridget, the wife of Francis McSurley, of Nishnabotny township; Tom, an agriculturist of East Boyer township; Patrick, living in Denison township; Maggie, who is the wife of Patrick Lane and resides near Vail, Iowa; John, who resides on the old homestead in East Boyer township; Nellie, the wife of James Bowman, of Washington township; Mrs. Comstock; Kate, who is employed as a stenographer by the Swanson Lumber Company of Denison, Iowa; and Lizzie, the wife of Clarence O'Mara, of Washington township. Unto our subject and his wife has been born one child, Francis Lee, whose birth occurred on the 4th of February, 1907.

In politics Mr. Comstock is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Catholic church, of which his wife is likewise a communicant. He has won a creditable measure of prosperity for one of his years and the sterling qualities of his manhood have made the circle of his friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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#### ALBERT SLECHTA.

Coming to America very early in life Albert Slechta has since his childhood made his home in Crawford county. He has been closely identified with agricultural and stock-raising interests and has acquired an enviable reputation as a breeder. He was born in Bohemia, March 27, 1876, and is a son of Albert and Mary (Vonnestic) Slechta. The family emigrated to America in 1881 and located in Crawford county, Iowa, where the father successfully engaged in farming. He rented land for ten years and then purchased two hundred and forty acres, which became the home place. He died at the age of seventy-seven, but the mother is now living on the homestead with her son Albert. There were seven children in their family, six of whom grew to maturity, namely: Mary, who is now deceased; Frank, who lives in Crawford county; Albert, of this review; Joseph, who also lives on the home place; Charles, at home; and Lucy, deceased.

Albert Slechta received his education in the common schools of Crawford county and was reared on the home farm, showing an interest in the various duties pertaining to stock-raising and agriculture, which indicated marked ability in a pursuit to which he has devoted the best energies of his life. After the death of his father he and his brother Joseph were associated in carrying forward the work, although at the time they did not have money enough even to buy a team of horses. Today they have acquired an acknowledged reputation as farmers and stock-breeders and are in possession of one of the valuable properties of Milford township. They have devoted special attention to the breeding of full blooded Percheron horses and have about fifty head in their herd, the leader of which they value at more than fifteen hundred dollars. They have five full blooded mares, two of them having been imported from Europe. They are

both men of resourceful business ability, and in the field to which they have turned their attention they have found ample room for the exercise of talents which have brought well merited rewards.

Mr. Slechta of this review is in hearty sympathy with the democratic party but has never aspired to public office as he is entirely devoted to his business. He and his brother are members of the Catholic church, in which they were reared, and as citizens they have ever attempted to perform their duty in behalf of their fellowmen.

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### LOUIS MARTIN HENRY MUNDT.

Louis Martin Henry Mundt, one of the worthy native sons of Crawford county, is well known as a successful agriculturist and respected resident of East Boyer township, where he owns three hundred and twenty acres of rich and arable land. His birth occurred in that township, one mile from his present residence, on the 7th of July, 1878, his parents being Robert and Frederica (Voss) Mundt. The father, a native of Hanover, Germany, crossed the Atlantic to the United States about 1865, locating near McGregor, Clayton county, Iowa, where he resided for two or three years. On the expiration of that period, in company with Fred Heiden, he came to Crawford county in a covered wagon, locating in East Boyer township, where he followed farming until 1898. In connection with the tilling of the soil he devoted considerable attention to the feeding of stock, meeting with success in both branches of his business. On putting aside the active work of the fields he took up his abode in Denison, where he lived in honorable retirement until called to his final rest in 1908. He had prospered in his undertakings and at the time of his demise owned eleven hundred and thirty acres of valuable land. Coming to the new world in early manhood, he eagerly availed himself of the opportunities here offered and as the years passed by worked his way steadily upward to a position of affluence. He justly merited the proud American title of a self-made man and in his passing the community lost one of its most esteemed and substantial citizens. His widow, likewise a native of Germany, still makes her home in Denison, where she has an extensive circle of warm friends. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: one who died in infancy; W. N., who is a resident of California; Ida and Willie, who are deceased; Freda, the wife of William Plagge, of Buckgrove, Iowa; Louis M. H., of this review; and Emma, who has likewise passed away.

In pursuit of an education Louis M. H. Mundt attended the common schools of his native township and also spent one term in the German school at Denison. He remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own, locating on the farm which has been his place of abode continuously since. The property embraces three hundred and twenty acres of land and is lacking in none of the improvements and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. The place in its neat and thrifty appearance gives evidence of his careful supervision and the well tilled

fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

In 1900 Mr. Mundt was united in marriage to Miss Dora Kahl, a native of Holstein, Germany, and a daughter of Christ and Henrietta (Coke) Kahl, who were likewise born in that country. They emigrated to the United States in 1890, settling in Goodrich township, Crawford county, Iowa, where they have resided continuously since. Unto them were born eight children, namely: August, living in Goodrich township, this county; Lizzie, who is deceased; Bertha, the wife of Fred Kahl, of Milford township; William, who makes his home in Goodrich township; Anna, the wife of John Keighan of Shelby county, Iowa; Minnie, the wife of William Watje, of Redlands, California; Mrs. Mundt; and Augusta, the wife of William Warn, of Goodrich township. Mr. and Mrs. Mundt have three children, Freda, Albert and Hattie, aged respectively ten, eight and four years.

Mr. Mundt is a democrat in politics and has served as school director. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, of which his wife is also a communicant. He has resided in Crawford county from his birth to the present time and is well known as a reliable and straightforward business man, fully meriting the confidence and good will which are extended to him by his fellow citizens.

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#### OSCAR S. GOODRICH.

For more than half a century the Goodrich family have been prominently identified with the agricultural development of Crawford county, the late Isaac B. Goodrich having been the first settler to enter land in the county, in recognition of which fact he was later honored by having the township where his homestead was located named after him. He was born in the state of New York in 1804, a son of Philander Goodrich, who was a descendant of one of the old families of New England. The spirit engendered by many generations of pioneer life early drove Isaac B. Goodrich westward. He first located in Michigan and later in Illinois and at an age when the majority of men consider retiring from active life again migrated, Iowa being his destination this time. He arrived in Crawford county in June, 1854, after a long and tiresome journey by wagon oftentimes over unbroken prairie. Locating in Milford township, he erected a log cabin fourteen by twenty feet, which was the first shingled house in the county. This provided shelter for the family, while he and his sons cleared the land and placed it under cultivation. In 1855 a sawmill was located in Denison at the foot of the hill near the present site of the Northwestern Railroad stockyards, and with the assistance of his sons, Mr. Goodrich cut the trees which were hauled to the mill, the lumber being later transported to Goodrich township, where it was utilized in the construction of a house. Many weeks of hard labor were spent in the cutting and hauling of the timber, after which they had to erect the house, which was built entirely of oak and walnut. The shingles which were of black walnut, Mr. Goodrich made himself,



OSCAR GOODRICH AND FAMILY

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in the course of which process, owing to his crude and limited facilities, he sacrificed three of the fingers of his right hand. He acquired two hundred and ninety acres of land, which he cultivated up to the time of his demise in 1881. Mrs. Goodrich only survived him until April of the following year. Always having been just a little in advance of the progress of civilization, their lives had ever been hard, but they possessed all the essential characteristics of the pioneer, their personalities being strongly felt in the social, as well as the educational development of the county.

Mr. Goodrich and Miss Margaret Gamble were united in marriage in New York and unto them were born eleven children. The first five, Luzina, Sabrina, Adeline, Leverett C. and Tully, and also the two youngest, Philander and Minerva, are deceased. The others are: William, a resident of South Dakota; Oscar, our subject; Rufus, living in Idaho; and Milo, who resides in Minnesota. The family always attended the services of the Baptist church, of which the parents were members. His political support Mr. Goodrich accorded the democratic party. He was a public-spirited man and always took an active and helpful part in civic affairs, for many years serving as a member of the board of supervisors. A man of high ideals, sound principles and incorruptible integrity his personality was a dominant factor in the development of the county where he spent the latter years of his life.

Oscar S. Goodrich, a son of Isaac B. and Margaret (Gamble) Goodrich, was born in Illinois on the 4th of September, 1854. Being but an infant when his parents removed to Iowa, the greater part of his life has been spent in the Hawkeye state, in the district schools of which he acquired his education. He remained a member of his father's household until he had attained his majority, at which time he rented sixty acres of land and engaged in agricultural pursuits. After cultivating this for two years he removed to an eighty acre tract which his father presented him. Here he followed general farming and stock-raising until the 22d of November, 1910, when he removed to Denison, where he continues to live retired.

Mr. Goodrich's plans for a home of his own had their culmination on the 5th of November, 1873, in his marriage to Miss Lucy Butler, of Arion, Iowa. Mrs. Goodrich is a daughter of James and Catherine (McCall) Butler, who lived on a farm on the present site of the town of Arion. The family residence was a log house, as were the majority of the homes of that period, and there Mrs. Goodrich as well as her two sisters were married. Mr. Butler was captain of a company of volunteers in 1864-5, stationed at Cherokee, where they were ready to respond to calls from the settlers who were greatly harassed at that time by the Indians. Ten children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Butler: Donald J., deceased, who was the first white boy born in Crawford county; Margaret, the wife of Valdo Talcott; William; Lucy, the wife of Oscar S. Goodrich; Agnes, who married Dr. W. B. Evans; Lorenzo C.; Charles; and three who died in infancy. All members of the family now surviving reside in Arion, with the exception of Mrs. Goodrich, who lives in Denison.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich have become the parents of eight children: William, who passed away in infancy; Una B., the wife of Howard Matthews, of El Reno, Oklahoma; and Isaac B. and Leverett C., twins, the former a resident

of Cushing, and the latter of Kiron; Libby, who is a skilled sportswoman, having killed many deer and bear in Wyoming, and is the wife of Clyde Huffman, of Thermopolis, Wyoming; Catharine, who married Bert Justice, of Milford township; Agnes Marie, who was born on the 2d of September, 1895; and Ruth Sabrina, whose birth occurred on the 26th of May, 1897.

The family affiliate with the Baptist church. The Goodrich home contains many interesting things associated with the early history of Crawford county, among them being a black walnut desk which many years ago was made for the courthouse out of lumber Isaac B. Goodrich cut and hauled to the mill for that purpose. When the new courthouse was built and furnished this desk was presented to Mr. Goodrich who upon his death gave it to his son Oscar S., by whom it is highly treasured because of its many associations. He has ever taken an active and helpful part in the local political affairs, giving his support to the republican party. He has been elected to the minor township offices, the duties of which he discharged in a manner generally satisfactory not only to his constituency but to the public at large.

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#### CHARLES F. BUSS.

After a residence of over half a century in Union township Charles F. Buss may well look back with satisfaction upon a life spent in honorable industry and feel that he has met with that success which it is the desire of every man to attain. Born in Prussia, May 12, 1833, he is a son of Gottlieb Buss. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Homenberg, dying when he was but two years old, he was adopted by an aunt, with whom he made his home until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he emigrated to the United States. His father and only sister both died in Prussia. Upon his arrival in this country he first located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and engaged in the lumber business, buying wood in the country and selling it in town. He continued to follow that vocation for about eighteen months and then, removing eighteen miles west of Milwaukee, began working on a farm, his wages being eight dollars a month. There he remained until about 1853, when he concluded to go farther west and started for Oregon. About this time, however, occurred an Indian outbreak and after getting as far as the state of Iowa he decided to remain there and bought eighty acres of land on Middle Coon, Carroll county.

This Mr. Buss later sold and in 1855 purchased two hundred acres of land in Union township, Crawford county, upon which he has resided since 1859. The land was wild and unbroken, no furrow having as yet been turned upon it, but imbued with characteristic energy he at once began its development, made improvements, set out trees and from time to time added to his property until he now owns three hundred and twenty acres comprising the home place, besides which he has three quarter sections in Boyer township and thirty-seven acres of timber land on section 30, Union township. While devoting his main efforts to general farming he makes a specialty of live stock, feeding cattle and hogs for the market.

In 1857 Mr. Buss was married to Miss Eudisia House, but of this union no children were born. His second marriage took place in June, 1863, when he was united to Miss Maria Agens, and they became the parents of eight children, of whom the following named are living: Lydia, who is the wife of Lewis Vore and lives in Union township; William, who also resides in Union township; Clara, who married Fred Parker, a resident of Michigan; and Fred, who is living at home and assists his father in the management of the home farm.

In his political relations Mr. Buss gives his support to the principles advocated by the democratic party, although in former years he was a republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Patrons of Husbandry. Mr. Buss is in every respect a self-made man who, after coming to this country realized the great advantages it offered to those who wished to make the most of them and his advancement in life has come because he has made the most of his opportunities.

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### JOHN FASTJE.

Among the prosperous business men of Denison is John Fastje, well known as a manufacturer and dealer in furniture, who by enterprise and good management has gained an established reputation as one of the most progressive men in the community. He was born in Oldenburg, Germany, December 10, 1864, a son of Bernhard and Fredericka (Kuzel) Fastje, both of whom were natives of the fatherland. The father was reared a farmer but after his marriage went into the restaurant business and was also constable. He died in 1871 at the age of forty-eight years. His widow came to America and made her home in Denison until called to her final rest in 1907, at the age of seventy-eight years. She and her husband were both faithful members of the Lutheran church. Her father was a shoemaker in Germany and was the head of a family of nine daughters. There were nine children also in the family of Bernhard and Fredericka Fastje, five of whom are now living, namely: Fredericka, wife of Fred Eisenhaur, of Denison; John, the subject of this review; Sophia, now Mrs. Henry Rogge, of Denison; Helena, wife of John Reeh, of Havre, Montana; and Henry, also of Havre.

John Fastje was educated in the public schools of Germany and learned the cabinet-maker's trade, at which he worked for a number of years after reaching his majority. In 1891, believing that conditions for advancement were more favorable in America he came to this country and settled at Denison, Iowa, where he followed the carpenter's trade, and also engaged successfully as contractor. In 1904 he began manufacturing and dealing in furniture and now has one of the most attractive stores in Denison, occupying three floors. He manufactures a complete line of bank and office fixtures and has built up a large and growing patronage.

On the 3d of May, 1891, Mr. Fastje was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Wessels, a native of Germany and a daughter of Frederick and Johanna (Wedel) Wessels. Two children were born to this union: Freda and John.



The wife and mother having been called away in 1893, Mr. Fastje was again married on the 20th of May, 1895, his second union being with Miss Anna Christiansen, a daughter of Hans and Meta Christiansen. Seven children came to bless this union, two of whom died in infancy. The others are Robert, William, Carl, Martha and Dorothea.

Mr. Fastje is a firm believer in the authority of the Bible and holds membership in the Lutheran church. His wife is a Methodist, although formerly identified with the Lutherans. Socially he is connected with the Odd Fellows and the North American Krugerverein. Ever since arriving in this country he has given his support to the democratic party, believing that in so doing he is advancing the best interests of the state and nation. He served faithfully as a soldier in the regular army in Germany and received many lessons that have been of great value to him as a private citizen. He has through his own efforts won his way to independence and has acquired not only a competence financially but a nobility of character, his friends feeling that in him they can absolutely trust and knowing that they will not be betrayed.

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J. M. YOUNG, M. D.

Dr. J. M. Young, a prominent member of the medical fraternity in Crawford county, has built up an extensive practice at Vail. His birth occurred in Greene county, Iowa, on the 27th of September, 1869, his parents being Thomas and Jane (Burke) Young, who were natives of South Carolina and Iowa respectively. The father passed away on the 2d of June, 1882, while the mother was called to her final rest in September, 1872. Their children were five in number, namely: William, who is now a practicing physician of Jefferson, Iowa; Emma, the wife of Daniel Beterbenner of Alliance, Nebraska; J. M., of this review; Eva, the wife of William Elmore, of Alliance, Nebraska; and one who is deceased.

Dr. J. M. Young began earning his own livelihood at the early age of thirteen years, learning the drug business and being engaged as a pharmacist until 1895. In that year he entered the State Medical College at Omaha, from which institution he was graduated in 1898. Locating for practice at Jamaica, Iowa, he there remained until 1908, which year witnessed his arrival in Vail, Crawford county. This town has since remained the scene of his professional labors and his practice has steadily increased as he has demonstrated his ability to cope with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician. His high standing in professional ranks is indicated by the fact that he is now serving as president of the Crawford County Medical Society.

On the 6th of March, 1901, Dr. Young was united in marriage to Miss May Lundy, of Jamaica, Iowa, her parents being T. C. and Mattie (Harrison) Lundy, who are natives of Ohio and Alabama respectively. Both still survive, making their home at Coon Rapids, Iowa, where Mr. Lundy acts as a bank cashier. Mrs. Young, who was one of a family of seven children, is a graduate of the high

school at Manning and followed the profession of teaching for eleven years prior to her marriage.

Dr. Young gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has held the office of county physician. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Diamond Lodge, No. 422, at Vail, while both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star there. He also belongs to Lodge No. 315 of the Knights of Pythias at Bayard, Iowa, in which he has filled all of the chairs. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, with which his wife is also affiliated. He has attained a creditable position in professional circles, while the salient characteristics of his manhood are such as have brought him the warm regard of those with whom he has been otherwise associated.

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#### GEORGE WASHINGTON BIDLACK.

George Washington Bidlack, the owner of two hundred acres of valuable land in Crawford county, is widely recognized as one of the substantial and representative agriculturists of East Boyer township. His birth occurred in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, on the 15th of March, 1844, his parents being Samuel Jimpson and Hannah (Thompson) Bidlack, while his paternal grandparents were John J. and Martha (Hicks) Bidlack. The grandfather, a native of Connecticut, was bound out as a boy. He participated in the war of 1812 and was starved to death on a British prison ship. Samuel J. Bidlack, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania. He removed to Illinois in 1864, locating in Carroll county, where he made his home until called to his final rest in 1872. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, as follows: George W., of this review; Alice, who is a resident of Manilla, Iowa; Evan T., who is deceased; Mary, the wife of W. S. Roderick; Maria, who has also passed away; Benjamin H., living in Nishnabotny township, Crawford county; Joseph, who makes his home at Rockford, Iowa; Sarah and William, who are likewise deceased; and one who died in infancy.

George Washington Bidlack attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained with his parents until 1870, when he was married and established a home of his own. He came to Crawford county, Iowa, in that year and with the exception of a few years spent in McLean county, North Dakota, has resided within its borders continuously since. His home farm, a productive tract of land comprising two hundred acres, was entirely unimproved when it came into his possession but he set resolutely to work and eventually brought the fields under a high state of cultivation. He also has property holdings in North Dakota, to which state he removed with his family in order to take up a homestead claim. Although sixty-five years of age at the time, he hauled lumber for a distance of fifty miles, erected five shanties on as many different homesteads and made such other improvements as the government required.

In 1870 Mr. Bidlack was united in marriage to Miss Frances M. Campbell, a native of Illinois, by whom he has four children, namely: Grace, a school

teacher of Sac City, Iowa; Martha, at home; Laura, the wife of W. G. Merriam, of Garrison, North Dakota; and Ellen, the wife of J. A. McCutcheon, of Garrison, North Dakota.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Bidlack has supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government although he voted for Bryan every time he was a candidate. While serving as justice of the peace his decisions were characterized by the utmost fairness and impartiality. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to the lodge at Manilla, Iowa. He has always been a man of exemplary habits and strict integrity and in the course of a long life has performed his part in advancing the true welfare of the community.

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#### MICHAEL L. HOULIHAN, SR.

To attain success in life it is not necessary to possess either money or influence, as is evidenced by the career of Michael L. Houlihan, Sr., who, beginning with nothing, has acquired an independent competence which he is now enjoying after many years of industry. Born in County Clare, Ireland, in August, 1840, he is the son of Patrick and Bridget (Hoogan) Houlihan, both of whom were also natives of County Clare, where they died, the mother at the advanced age of ninety years. They were the parents of nine children, of whom four survive, as follows: Mary, who is at home; Michael L.; Nora, who lives in Ireland; and Cornelius, retired, who resides in Kansas City, Missouri. Those deceased are John, Patrick, Bridget, Austin and Thomas.

Through force of circumstances Michael L. Houlihan was not enabled to obtain any book education, but the knowledge he has secured in the school of experience has served every purpose as far as his mental qualifications are concerned. Thrown upon his own resources at the early age of nine years, he began life as a stock-herder, combined with other kinds of labor. At the age of twenty-seven he emigrated to the United States, arriving here in 1865 and locating in Davenport but only remained there two weeks and then went to Waukon, Iowa, whence he made a trip on the Mississippi river. Later he engaged in railroad work and coal mining, after which he took up farming near Grinnell and there spent two and one-half years. He married Miss Mattie Kraemer, by whom he had one child, John Patrick, who cost the mother her life, and the child died at the age of three months.

Mr. Houlihan rented his father-in-law's farm, upon which he remained for four years, and then came to Crawford county, living in Hayes township for one year. He subsequently located in East Boyer, continuing his residence there for nineteen years, after which he removed to Soldier township, and lived there for twenty years. In 1907 he came to Denison township, where he purchased land, to which, as his circumstances would permit, he added at intervals until he became the owner of eleven hundred and thirty-nine acres, which he has developed

to a high state of cultivation, giving to it the benefit of his wide experience in agriculture, acquired in former years, and today he has one of the most valuable pieces of property in Crawford county, upon which he has made three sets of improvements that go to make it one of the most modern and up-to-date farms in this section of the state. Here he has continued to carry on general farming and stock-raising on an extensive scale, and that he has met with success is attested to by the flourishing condition of his estate and stock.

The second wife of Mr. Houlihan was Mrs. Michael O'Brien, whose maiden name was Bridget McMahon and who by her first husband had two children: Mary, deceased, and Dennis, now living in Denison township. To Mr. and Mrs. Houlihan have been born the following children: John and Martin, who reside in Denison township; Cornelius, who gives his time to assisting his father on the home farm; Thomas, a physician, who is practicing in Ida Grove, Iowa; Michael, who is cashier and manager of the bank in Vail, Iowa; Ellen, who became the wife of Edward Houston, of Boyer township; Bridget, Bryan, Frances, Margaret, who are living at home; Marjory, Nora Francis and two others, who are deceased.

In politics Mr. Houlihan casts his ballot for the democratic party but is liberal enough to vote for a friend if he thinks he is deserving of his support. He has never sought political favors but has most efficiently filled the offices of township trustee, supervisor and school director. In every respect Mr. Houlihan is a self-made man, one who has relied upon his own ability to make a place for himself in the world and is a most encouraging example to the younger generation of what well directed industry and determination will do for him who makes up his mind to succeed in life.

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#### EMIL BIELENBERG.

Emil Bielenberg, a well known and substantial resident of Schleswig, devotes his attention to general farming and stockraising interests, owning one hundred and sixty acres of productive land in Ida county. His birth occurred in that county on the 4th of November, 1879, his parents being Jacob and Emma (Meyer) Bielenberg. Their family numbered seven children, as follows: Emil, of this review; Lena, the wife of Fred Petersen, of Crawford county; William, who is likewise a resident of Crawford county; Dora, the wife of John Bendixen, of this county; Fred, who is deceased; Minnie, the wife of William Aldog, of Ida county; and August, who has passed away.

Emil Bielenberg was reared on the home farm and early gained practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. The work of the fields has claimed his time and energies throughout his entire business career and until the spring of 1910 he worked as a farm hand. At that time he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Ida county, where he is now carrying on general farming and stock-raising, meeting with a gratifying measure of success in both branches of his business.

On the 25th of June, 1903, Mr. Bielenberg was joined in wedlock to Miss Maggie Petersen, a daughter of J. C. and Anne Petersen, of Schleswig. His political allegiance is given to the democracy, while in religious faith he is a Lutheran. He is a young man whose life has ever been actuated by upright and honorable principles and well merits the regard and esteem which are uniformly accorded him.

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### HENRY N. JAHN.

A native of Iowa, Henry N. Jahn has made his home in Crawford county for more than forty years, becoming actively identified with various interests here. He is now at the head of a flourishing implement business at Manilla. He comes of sturdy Teutonic ancestry and was born four miles from Davenport, in Scott county, Iowa, November 14, 1860, a son of Claus and Louisa (Kortum) Jahn, both of whom were natives of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. The father, who learned the miller's trade, came to America in 1853, and arrived at the end of his journey, near Davenport, with one dollar and a half in his pocket. He began his career in the new world as a farm laborer and applied himself with such diligence that in 1857 he was prepared to engage in farming on his own account. He was one of the pioneers of Hayes township, Crawford county, and became one of the substantial men of his section. He now lives in Manilla and is the owner of four hundred acres of good land in this county. His wife departed this life in 1890 at the age of fifty-four years, Mr. Jahn having now arrived at the age of seventy-seven. He held various township offices while living upon his farm but never devoted much attention to politics, as his interests were concentrated upon his business. He holds membership in the Lutheran church and is one of its earnest supporters. Claus Jahn, the paternal grandfather of our subject, had five children: Claus, Bertha, Catharine, Henry and Anna. The maternal grandfather, M. Kortum, died near Davenport in middle life leaving a widow and the following children: Christian, William, Joachim, Henry, Louisa and Elise. There were six children in the family of Claus and Louisa Jahn, four of whom are now living: Henry N., Anna E., William L. and Emile.

Henry N. Jahn came to Crawford county with his parents at the age of nine years and was reared on his father's farm, receiving his early education in the district schools. He continued at home until twenty-seven years of age and then for five years farmed a part of his father's land. In 1893 he removed to Manilla and the following year began buying and shipping hogs with his brother, William L., the two continuing together in business for ten years. In 1895 they built a steam elevator at Manilla and were for eight years actively engaged in the grain business. They also owned a half interest in the Isaac Hurd Lumber Company from 1901 to 1903. They then bought three hundred acres of land in Miner county, South Dakota, but Mr. Jahn of this review sold his interest to his brother in 1908. In 1904 he formed a partnership in the implement business with L. L. Hockett, and they continued together until Feb-



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ruary, 1908, when the partnership was dissolved. The business has since been carried forward by Mr. Jahn and is one of the prosperous enterprises of the town.

On the 3d of January, 1900, Mr. Jahn was united in marriage to Miss May E. Roderick, who was born in Milledgeville, Whiteside county, Illinois, a daughter of William and Mary E. (Bidlack) Roderick, the former of whom was born in Maryland and the latter in Pennsylvania. They removed to Illinois, where they lived for a number of years, settling in Crawford county, Iowa, in 1882. The father died in 1905 and the mother now lives in Manilla. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jahn, Wilbur R. and Ruth E.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Jahn are both identified with the Presbyterian church. Politically he gives his support to the republican party, being an earnest advocate of the progressive element of that organization. He has shown himself to be a man of excellent business capacity and capable management, and his efforts have been crowned with a gratifying measure of success. He early learned that diligence and close application are highly important factors in the accomplishment of any worthy object and it is along those lines that he has achieved his prosperity.

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### BENJAMIN Y. NICHOLSON.

Many theories have been advanced concerning success and much has been written about the best way of achieving it, but careful investigation into the lives of the most successful men show that their advancement is not due to any fortunate combination of circumstances nor to the following of any given rule but is based upon the foundation principles of industry, energy, perseverance and close application. Another proof of this fact is found in the life record of Benjamin Y. Nicholson, now secretary and treasurer of the Nicholson Produce Company of Denison.

He was born in Jerusalem, Ohio, October 3, 1863, his parents being John L. and Eleanor (Young) Nicholson. He came to Iowa with his parents in 1864 when but a year old and remained a resident of New Sharon until seventeen years of age, during which period he mastered the branches of learning that constitute the public school curriculum. Ambition to be up and doing for himself led him to leave home and go to Vail, Iowa, where he joined his brother, George W., in the poultry, butter and egg business. The partnership between them has extended for twenty-eight years and for the past twenty years Benjamin Y. Nicholson has resided in Denison, having charge of the business here most of that time. Their ramifying trade interests reach out to various sections of this and surrounding states. They buy from a large territory and make extensive annual shipments, finding a ready sale for their products on the market.

On the 18th of May, 1888, Benjamin Y. Nicholson was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Maude Watson, who was born in England and was brought to America by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Watson, when quite young.



The family were early settlers of Crawford county and her father died in Vail about twenty years ago. Her mother, however, is still living. They were the parents of four sons and four daughters, William W., Charles S., John S., James, Fannie, Lydia M., Alice and Lizzie. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson has been blessed with six children, namely: Clair W., Pearl E., Benjamin Y., Jr., Gladys Erma, and two who died in infancy, Russel and Merrill.

Mr. Nicholson is an advocate of Masonic principles and endeavors to embody in his life the benevolent and charitable spirit of the craft. His membership is with Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., of Denison; Ark Chapter, R. A. M., of Dunlap; Mount Zion Commandery, K. T., of Harlan, Iowa; and Za-ga-zig Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Des Moines. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge. Politically a republican, he served for about twelve years as a member of the city council, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many measures and movements for the general good. He has also been a member of the school board for fourteen years and the cause of public education finds in him a warm friend. He was chairman of the county central committee when Hon. Leslie M. Shaw was elected governor and served as chairman for two years. He believes that the best interests of good government are to be conserved through the adoption of the principles of the republican party and thus he labors earnestly and untiringly in its behalf.

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#### L. A. VORE.

As a native son of Union township, Crawford county, L. A. Vore is one of the best known and highly respected agriculturists in this section of the state whose early efforts in farming operations have gained for him an adequate competence which he is now enjoying on his home place near Dow City. He was born in Union township, May 25, 1858, a son of R. and Anna Eliza (Whaley) Vore, both of whom first saw the light of day in Ohio, the father's birth occurring in Athens county. There they were married and in 1855 came to Crawford county, Iowa, locating at North Grove, Union township. In those days methods of travel were very crude and the journey was made in wagons, forty days being consumed en route, while the hardships during the trip were many and severe. Mr. Vore remained in Crawford county until about 1900 and then removed to Dunlap, Iowa, where he still continues to reside. He has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits but of late years he has taken an active interest in politics, his support being given the republican party. Mrs. Vore was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church until her death, which occurred January 20, 1911. To this couple were born the following children: Ellen, who is the wife of A. P. Lyman, of Oklahoma; L. A., of this review; Charles, deceased; Pearl, who follows farming near Spring Lake, Texas; Fred, a resident of Nebraska.

L. A. Vore remained at home until twenty-six years of age, although he had worked for himself since attaining his majority, subsequently locating on the property upon which he now resides and which, under his careful and business-

like management, has been increased in extent until it now comprises four hundred and twenty acres of highly developed farm land, all the improvements upon it having been made by himself.

Mr. Vore was married in 1884 to Miss Lydia Buss and the following five children were born to them: Nellie, who became the wife of Isaac Gardner, traveling salesman for the Brist Manufacturing Company, of Topeka, Kansas; Susie, Pearl, Hattie and Charles, who are residing at home.

In his political views Mr. Vore is a republican but has never been an office seeker, although he keeps well informed on all the issues and questions of the day, as is the duty of every true American citizen. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with his wife holds membership in Rebekah chapter. In religion they both give their helpful support to the Methodist Episcopal church. Advancing civilization has wrought many changes in the county since the pioneer days, changes for the better which Mr. Vore has watched with keen interest and in which he has borne his full share, both in the business development and in his individual affairs. His success is the more gratifying for the reason it is well earned, and his worth as a man is demonstrated by the high esteem which is uniformly tendered him by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

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#### J. PETER JEPSEN.

J. Peter Jepsen, who is engaged in general farming and stock-raising on a two hundred acre farm in Otter Creek township, is a native of Germany, his natal day being the 7th of July, 1868. His parents, Thomas and Christina (Petersen) Jepsen, spent their entire lives in the land of their nativity and there his two brothers, the only surviving members of the family with the exception of himself, reside. Six children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Jepsen, but the two youngest, Claus and Carsten, and Margareta, the third child and only daughter, have now passed away, leaving the two eldest sons, Hans and Thomas, and J. Peter, who is the fourth in order of birth, the only surviving members of the family.

J. Peter Jepsen remained a subject of Germany until he had passed the twenty-eighth anniversary of his birth, at which time his general dissatisfaction with conditions as he knew them there, and the confident hope and belief that broader and greater advantages were to be found in America, prompted him to take passage for the United States. He arrived here in 1894 and almost immediately made his way westward locating in Crawford county, Iowa, where he obtained employment on a farm and for ten years he continued in this occupation. Here the characteristics of his nationality—perseverance, energy and thrift—served to make it possible for him to acquire during that period the money essential to begin farming for himself, and he rented two hundred acres of land and engaged in general farming and stock-raising. For more than ten years now he has continued to reside there, following the same pursuits, which have proven to be sufficiently lucrative to enable him to become the owner of

one-half section of land in North Dakota. He is known as one of the successful and capable agriculturists of his township and is realizing profitable returns from both his stock and farm products.

On the 28th of February, 1900, Mr. Jepsen was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Naeve, a daughter of William and Mary (Schneider) Naeve. Mr. and Mrs. Naeve had five children, of whom Mrs. Jepsen is the eldest, the others being as follows: Katie and Emil, both deceased; Freda, at home; and Willie, an adopted son. Three children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Jepsen: Walter, who is ten years of age; Harley, now in his eighth year; and Alice, who has passed her second birthday.

The family always attend the services of the Lutheran church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Jepsen are communicants. Ever since naturalization conferred upon him the full rights of a citizen of the United States Mr. Jepsen has taken an active interest in all political issues and questions of vital concern to the public. He supports the candidates and measures of the democratic party and his party fealty has been rewarded by his election to the office of assessor, while he is at present serving as clerk of his township, in the discharge of the duties of which he seems to be meeting with the general approval of the community.

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#### OTTO HENRY VOSGERAU.

Although only twenty-five years of age and just fairly started in his business life, Otto Henry Vosgerau, manager of Der Crawford County Demokrat, has attained recognition as one of the energetic and capable citizens of the county. He is a native of Stockholm township, this county, born October 17, 1886, and is a son of Henry and Elise (Kreuger) Vosgerau. The father was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, in 1834, and on coming to America first took up his residence in Clinton county, Iowa. Later he removed to Crawford county and located upon a farm which he cultivated until 1898, when he retired to Denison. In 1910 he removed to Sac county, Iowa, and there passed away October 9, 1910. The mother is still living and makes her home in this county. There were seven children in their family, five of whom survive.

Otto H. Vosgerau spent the earlier years of his boyhood on the home farm and received his preliminary education in the public schools. Later he attended a college and applied himself to his studies with a diligence that gave bright promise as to his future. On the 1st of January, 1911, he acquired a half-interest in Der Crawford County Demokrat, of which he has since been manager. The paper was established in 1887 and is published weekly, being the official organ of the county. As it is conducted on thoroughly reliable and conservative lines it wields considerable influence in this section of the state and under the new management gives promise of a much more extensive circulation.

On the 28th of July, 1909, Mr. Vosgerau was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Boettger, a native of Goodrich township, Crawford county, and a daughter of Fred Boettger. Her mother is deceased but her father is still liv-

ing in this county. There were three children in their family. One daughter, Lucile H., has come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Vosgerau, her natal day being October 23, 1910.

Mr. Vosgerau and his wife are valued members of the Lutheran church and are well known socially in Denison. They live in a beautiful residence in one of the most attractive parts of the city and he also owns eight acres within the city limits. He has made an excellent beginning in a business which his friends prophesy is destined to bring to him honor and prosperity.

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### JOHN TEBBE.

John Tebbe, who well deserves the title of a self-made man, his present success in the agricultural world coming to him as the result entirely of his own well directed efforts, is one of those sturdy citizens who have come from the fatherland and in the new world have found opportunities for advancement in business impossible in the old world. Born in Germany, in the Rhine province, on the 16th of March, 1850, he is a son of Albert and Henrietta (Tebbe) Tebbe, both natives of the fatherland, the former's birth occurring in the same place as that of the son. That district remained the home of the family until 1875, when Albert Tebbe, with his wife and seven children, came to the United States, locating in Clinton county, Iowa, near Big Rock. He had been a farmer in his native country and after coming to Iowa resumed that occupation, being thus engaged in Clinton county until his death, which occurred on the 12th of May, 1894. He had survived his wife for only a few years, her death occurring July 30, 1890. Their family of seven children included the following: Henry, a farmer of Hanover township; John, of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of George Bush, a farmer of Lost Nation, Iowa; Anna, who married Henry Bush, a farmer of Jackson county, Iowa; Minnie, the wife of William Kuhn, of Clinton county; Matilda, who wedded August Kuehl, also of Clinton county; and Christina, the wife of Leonard Zogg, who follows farming in Genoa, Wisconsin.

In the common schools of Germany John Tebbe acquired a good education and he remained with his parents during the period of his boyhood and youth. He was a young man of twenty-five years when, in 1875, he came with the family to the United States and for a year after his arrival here was employed as a farm hand in Clinton county. At the end of that time he rented a farm, which he operated until coming to Crawford county in 1882, when he purchased a farm, becoming the owner of eighty acres of land in Hanover township. Later, however, he sold that property and acquired another tract in the same township, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres. To the improvement of that property he devoted his entire time and attention, bringing it under a good state of cultivation, and it remained his place of residence for eighteen years. He then purchased an eighty acre tract near Kenwood, in Paradise township, but never lived upon that place, coming to his present home about three years ago. Altogether his possessions aggregate three hundred and twenty acres, all located in Paradise township and all in excellent condition. The home place

is equipped with good buildings and all modern conveniences for facilitating farm labor, and besides cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he engages in stock-raising to a considerable extent. His stock is of an excellent grade and therefore commands ready sale and good prices on the market. He has adopted practical, progressive methods in the management of his affairs, gives close application to and is careful in the supervision of his business interests, and his efforts therefore are effective forces in the acquirement of substantial results.

It was in the year 1881 that Mr. Tebbe was united in marriage to Miss Johanna Tebbe, and unto them have been born seven children, namely: Anna, deceased; Emma, the wife of Jurgen Detlefsen; Albert, Christina, Herman, all at home; Elizabeth, deceased; and George, at home.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they take a helpful interest, and in politics Mr. Tebbe gives his support to the republican party. He is not, however, an active worker in party ranks, preferring that his duties of citizenship shall be performed in a private capacity, and yet he has ever taken a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the communities in which he has resided and he is numbered among Iowa's loyal adopted sons. The sturdy qualities in his nature, which are the birthright of the Teutonic race, have been elements in the acquirement of a gratifying success, while the personal elements in his character—clean manhood and honest principles—speak for desirable and valuable citizenship.

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#### GEORGE A. NORELIUS.

Among the native sons of Iowa who have assisted very materially in the advancement of the locality in which their lot has been cast is George A. Norelius, a prominent citizen of Kiron. He was born in Hamilton county, Iowa, December 5, 1868, son of A. and Christina Norelius, who are now living in Crawford county.

Mr. Norelius of this review received his early education in the district schools and later entered the Western Normal College of Shenandoah, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1888. He began his business career as a teacher and continued for five terms, but being attracted to commercial life he entered general mercantile business at old Kiron on March 1, 1892, and continued at that place for seven years, when he moved his store building to new Kiron and resumed the same line of business. He served for four years as postmaster, discharging his duties with the same fidelity that he evinces in his own affairs and meeting with the hearty approval of the people. He is prominently identified with various enterprises, being director of the Kiron State Bank and also of the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Sheyenne, North Dakota. As a farmer he has been very successful and owns one hundred and ten acres of land on section 19, Stockholm township, and three hundred and twenty acres in Dickey county, North Dakota, also one hundred and twenty acres in Perkins county, South Dakota, and has a one-half interest in the opera house at

Kiron. He and his family occupy a fine residence in Kiron, which is provided with all modern conveniences.

On the 21st of December, 1890, Mr. Norelius was united in marriage to Miss Emma Hanson, a native of Sweden and daughter of N. A. and Christina Hanson, both of whom were born in Sweden. They came to America about 1870, and the mother died in this country in 1888. The father is still living and resides at Kiron. There were ten children in their family. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Norelius, namely: Neva C., who is now a student in college at Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Elsie R. and Jessie P., also students at college; Irma E.; and Everett A.

Politically Mr. Norelius gives his support to the democratic party, of which he is a stanch adherent. He has served as justice of the peace and president of the school board and is now mayor of the village of Kiron, which office he has filled with marked ability for several terms. Fraternally, he holds membership in Wheeler Lodge, No. 398, A. F. & A. M., and he is an earnest believer in the beneficent principles of this order. He is a representative business man and by his acknowledged ability and high character has attracted many friends and is justly held in high regard by all who claim the honor of his acquaintance.

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#### G. P. KEAIRNES.

G. P. Keairnes, who is recognized as one of the prominent and successful farmers of Union township, was born in Shelby county, November 20th, 1862, a son of Wilson and Sarah (Parks) Keairnes, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The father came to Iowa in 1852, locating in Grove township, Shelby county, where he obtained land from the government and erected thereon a log house. This was a unique performance in those days and the ceremonies attending the "log-raising," as it was termed, were witnessed by every man in the county, fifteen in number. He remained at that location until 1904, when he removed to Dunlap and has since continued to reside in that city.

Fifteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Keairnes, of whom the following eleven survive: Elizabeth, who became the wife of A. Beedle and resides in Harrison county, Iowa; Julia, who lies at home in Dunlap; William, who resides in Shelby county; Sarah, who is the widow of George B. Runnels and makes her home in Shelby county; Harry, who is on a claim in South Dakota; M. W., who lives in Grove township, Shelby county; Edward, who is farming in the Dakotas; Jeannette, who is the wife of S. H. Buchter and resides in Plymouth county, Iowa; G. P., of this review; Mary, who married Thomas Woren, of Chicago, Illinois; and Martha, who became the wife of William Hammer, of Harrison county, Iowa. The mother departed this life in 1906 and is interred in the Dunlap cemetery.

G. P. Keairnes obtained his elementary education in the district schools of Shelby county and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-three years old, when he began farming upon his own responsibility. He rented land in Shelby county and there labored in the fields for eight years, after which

he purchased land in the same locality and continued to operate this until 1901. In that year he disposed of his property and removed to Washington township, Crawford county, remaining there for four years and then coming to Union township, where he has since continued to reside. He devotes his entire time and attention to general farming on an extensive scale, his farm property in that township comprising four hundred and twenty acres, besides which he is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres in Shelby county.

In 1891 Mr. Keairnes was united in marriage to Miss Viola S. Cross, a native of Shelby county, and unto them nine children have been born, including: John W., Mary H., Ward, Lloyd V., Ruby L., William V., Sarah S. and Elsie Mabel. Two are now deceased, William V. having died May 2, 1911.

The political support of Mr. Keairnes has always been given to the republican party and in religion both he and his wife follow the precepts of the Latter Day Saints. Since his residence in Crawford county he has been considered an important factor in advancing the agricultural interests of Union township, where he has a wide circle of friends, in whose esteem he holds a high place.

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#### GEORGE H. HOLDSWORTH.

George H. Holdsworth, who occupies the old family homestead in Iowa township and is prospering in his business, was born in Mercer county, Illinois, January 1, 1866. He is a son of John H. Holdsworth, who was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, July 22, 1821, and grew to manhood on the Emerald isle, where he was married April 8, 1846, to Miss Margaret Irvin. One year after their marriage they emigrated to Canada, where they continued until 1855, when they arrived in Illinois, locating at Preemption, Mercer county. In 1884, Mr. Holdsworth removed with his family to Crawford county, Iowa, and located in Iowa township. He died May 11, 1905, the mother having passed away four years previously, and their remains were interred in Manning cemetery. There were twelve children in their family, six of whom are now living, namely: Matilda, the wife of T. J. Armstrong who lives near Manning; Martha, who married James Waller, of Rock Island, Illinois; Letitia, who became the wife of William Dixon, of Jeannette, Pennsylvania; Sarah, the wife of Andrew Geisinger, of New Jersey; Belle, the wife of Lou Stumm, of Minnesota; and George H.

George H. Holdsworth received his preliminary education in the district schools and as he grew up became well acquainted with the details pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. He remained with his parents and is now the owner of the old homestead, which embraces one hundred and fifty-four acres of good land. The property is well improved and provided with all desirable modern facilities. In 1910 Mr. Holdsworth completed the improvements by the erection of one of the most substantial barns in the county. In addition to the home farm he cultivates three hundred and twenty acres to good advantage. He raises a good grade of stock and also feeds stock for the market.



GEORGE H. HOLDSWORTH AND FAMILY





In 1892 Mr. Holdsworth was united in marriage to Miss Dora Briggmann, a native of Schleswig, Germany, who came to America with her parents, the family taking up their residence in Crawford county, Iowa. Five children have blessed this union, namely: George Washington, Edward Henry, Alexander, Matilda Jane, and John James, all of whom are at home and are being given excellent advantages of education and training.

Ever since arriving at voting age, Mr. Holdsworth has supported the republican party, believing that in so doing he assists in advancing the best interests of the whole country. He is not a member of any religious denomination, but attends the Presbyterian church and is a liberal contributor to worthy causes. Industrious and enterprising, he is steadily forging ahead financially and has gained a position of comparative independence. He is a man of sound judgment and richly deserves the success that has crowned his efforts as an agriculturist and stock-raiser.

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#### FRANK ARTHUR BROWN.

Frank Arthur Brown, mayor of Manilla and a leading business man of Crawford county, is a native of Argyle, Lafayette county, Wisconsin, born February 20, 1869. His parents were Thomas Henry and Mary Ann (Penniston) Brown, the former born in Hartford, Connecticut, and the latter in Nottingham, England. The father was educated and grew to maturity in his native state and as a young man moved to Lafayette county, Wisconsin, where he was married. Later he took up his home in Shelby county, Iowa, where he continued three or four years, finally settling on a farm in East Boyer township, Crawford county. He removed to Manilla when the town was started in 1896 and has ever since been in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. He served for three years and three months in the Union army during the Civil war, being a member of Company G, Thirty-first Wisconsin Volunteers. His command was assigned to the Army of the West and participated in the Atlanta campaign and the celebrated march of Sherman to the sea. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and his wife is a member of the Methodist church. Our subject's grandfather Brown was one of the early settlers of Lafayette county, Wisconsin, where he died at the age of seventy years. He had five children: Thomas Henry, Alexander, Joseph, Mollie and Jane. The maternal grandfather, Daniel Penniston, was born in England. He came to this country about 1855 and settled near Argyle, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming and also in mining. He was twice married and there were two children by his first union, Mary Ann and Charles. Mrs. Penniston died on shipboard of cholera when the family were coming to this country.

Six children blessed the union of Thomas Henry and Mary Ann Brown, namely: Frank Arthur, the subject of this review; Eliza Catharine, now the wife of E. C. Baker, of Manilla; Abbie Caroline, now Mrs. Arthur Brink of Galva, Iowa; Fred Neroy, of Manilla; Celia Ann, who married Leslie Anthony

and is now deceased; and Emma Jane, the wife of William J. Kehr, of Westington Springs, South Dakota.

Frank Arthur Brown came with his parents to Iowa at the age of five years and grew to manhood in Crawford county on his father's farm. He was educated in the district schools and continued at home until eighteen years of age, when he started out in life for himself by working by the month for farmers in the neighborhood. After ten years of industrious application he rented a farm on his own account, which he cultivated to good advantage for seven years. In 1905 he purchased an interest in the Manilla Roller Mills and moved to town, becoming a partner of R. Rasmussen in the milling and grain business, a vocation to which he seems eminently adapted judging by the success that has attended his efforts along this line. He is also secretary and a stockholder of the Manilla Telephone Company and owns a quarter section of land in Lyman county, South Dakota, his wife being the owner of two quarter sections.

In May, 1900, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Carrie T. Barber, a daughter of Rockley and Sarah A. (Tomlinson) Barber. Mr. Brown is a descendant of worthy ancestry and in his career has shown the traits of ambition, energy and thrift which are so essential in the accomplishment of any worthy purpose. He justly occupies a high place in the estimation of the people of this section. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is trustee. Fraternally he is connected with Golden Leaf Lodge, No. 595, A. F. & A. M., and the Knights of Pythias. He gives his allegiance to the republican party and was elected mayor of Manilla in the spring of 1910 and still occupies that office, having discharged its duties in such a way as to meet the unanimous approval of the people. His interests are closely identified with Manilla and he is recognized as one of its most progressive and enterprising citizens.

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#### E. N. McCORD.

That the life history of E. N. McCord is a record of success is due to the persistent effort and intelligently directed industry which he has displayed through the many years of his connection with agricultural interests. He is a grandson of Allen and Nancy (Hezlep) McCord and comes of Scotch-Irish lineage. His father, David McCord, was born in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1839, was there reared and educated, and he remained in the Keystone state until attaining his majority, when, in 1860, attracted by the opportunities of the middle west, he made his way to Illinois, locating in Douglas county, where he resided for twelve years. The year 1872 witnessed his arrival in Crawford county, Iowa, and he became one of the first settlers on Paradise creek. Here he made his home throughout his remaining days and passed away on the 7th of January, 1892. He had been a farmer all his life and at the time of his death was the owner of two hundred acres of land in Paradise township. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Phoebe J. Schouten, was born in Saratoga county, New York, and when fifteen years of age removed with her

parents to Illinois, the family home being established in Douglas county. There she met and married David McCord. She is yet living and resides during the summer months in Crawford county, Iowa, while the winter seasons she spends in Oklahoma. By her union with Mr. McCord she became the mother of five children, as follows: Mamie, the wife of Robert Grayson, a lawyer of Boynton, Oklahoma; E. N., of this review; Addie, who wedded James Bixler, of Centerville, South Dakota, where he engages in agriculture; Nannie, the wife of W. D. Suiter, a farmer of Boynton, Oklahoma; and Alma, the wife of Ed Duncan, also engaged in farming in Crawford county. There was also an adopted son, Allen, who is now a draftsman in the government employ, stationed at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

E. N. McCord, the eldest son of the family, was born in Arcola, Illinois, on the 23d of September, 1868, and was therefore but four years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Crawford county in 1872. In the schools of this county he gained a good education and while not engaged in his school work assisted his father about the home farm, early becoming familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the country lad. He started out independently as a farmer when twenty-three years of age and in the following year, upon the death of his father, assumed charge of the old homestead and has since continued to make that his place of residence. He now owns two hundred and eighty acres of rich land which in its well improved condition and high state of development indicates the practical methods which he has employed and the industry, diligence and perseverance which have characterized his efforts. In addition to general farming he is an extensive raiser and breeder of high grade stock, the excellence of which is recognized throughout the district, and both branches of his business are so carefully managed that they have prospered under his careful supervision and keen business sagacity until he is today recognized as one of the substantial and successful agriculturists of Paradise township.

It was on the 15th of March, 1891, that Mr. McCord was united in marriage to Miss Ida Bixler, who was born in Jackson county, Iowa, a daughter of Isaac and Mary E. (Jones) Bixler. Her father, whose birth occurred in Ohio on the 14th of March, 1839, was taken to Jackson county, Iowa, when but a year old, and there he grew to manhood. In the spring of 1881 he came to Crawford county and located in Paradise township, where he made his home until his death in February, 1909. He was a farmer and followed that occupation throughout his lifetime. His wife, who was born in England, came to the United States when only six months old and at the age of thirteen removed with her parents to Iowa, the family locating at Lyons. She was married in Springvale, Iowa, and still survives, making her home at present in Dow City. By her marriage to Mr. Bixler she became the mother of seven children, namely: Frank, a farmer of Paradise township; Mrs. McCord; William, a carpenter of Elk City, Oklahoma; James, engaged in farming in Centerville, South Dakota; Etta, the wife of Carey Saxton, of Denison township; Samuel, a farmer of Oaks, North Dakota; and Lottie, who resides with her mother in Dow City, Iowa. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McCord has been blessed with four

children: Clarence, now eighteen years of age; Gladys, aged sixteen years; Marcus, aged eleven years; and Ione, ten years.

Fraternally Mr. McCord is identified with Denison Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Modern Woodmen of America at Dow City, and in politics gives stalwart support to the republican party, believing that the principles of that organization are best adapted to conserve the interests of state and nation. He is insured in the Banker's Life Association and is progressive in all of his ideas both in personal and public matters. His has been a life of continuous activity, characterized by well directed efforts and close application, and the success that has attended his labors has been substantial and well merited.

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### JOHN M. JOHNSON, M. D.

The success of Dr. John M. Johnson, of Denison, in the practice of medicine is a striking illustration of the progress which may be made by a young man who thoroughly prepares himself for an important calling. Seven years ago he opened an office in this city and today he is at the head of the hospital of which he was the founder and has also built up a flourishing practice.

He is a native of Seneca, Kansas, born March 17, 1874, and is a son of 'Albern and Clara (Hampton) Johnson, the former of whom was born in Vermont and the latter in Illinois. The father worked when a boy in the milling business in Vermont. At the age of fourteen he removed to Sycamore, Illinois, with his parents and there grew to manhood. Later the family moved to Oregon, Missouri, where he and his father started a lumber and planing mill, which was just fairly established when the Civil war broke out and he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of the Thirteenth Missouri Cavalry. He participated in many of the great battles, among which were Shiloh, Gettysburg and Chickamauga, and also in some of the most important movements of the war, and was slightly wounded at the battle of Shiloh. He enlisted as a private but performed his duties so ably that he was made provost marshal. He served for three years and nine months and after receiving his honorable discharge lived in various places in Kansas, his property at Oregon having been destroyed while he was absent in the army. At Seneca, Kansas, he was married to Clara Hampton and after living in town for a few years he began farming. In 1876 he removed to York, York county, Nebraska, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of the Burlington & Missouri Railway, upon which he resided until 1900, since which time he has lived in Omaha. There were seven children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, four of whom are now living: John M., the subject of this review; Lena Beatrice, now a music teacher in Omaha; Maude J., the wife of Frank Brown, of Florence, Nebraska; and Mary C., a teacher in the public schools of Omaha.

Our subject's paternal grandfather was a millwright and also ran sawmills. He was the head of a large family, among whom may be named George W., Samuel, Emma, Albern L. and Edward William. The maternal grandfather was Jasper N. Hampton, a native of Illinois, who married Maria Irvin. He

was captain of a boat on the Mississippi river which plied between Muscatine, Iowa, and New Orleans, but later he became a farmer in York county, Nebraska. His wife passed away in October, 1910, at the age of seventy-nine years, and he took up his home in Omaha. In their family were Anna, Clara C., Mary, Mildred, James and Gertrude.

John M. Johnson was reared on his father's farm in York county, Nebraska, from two years of age and attended the district schools and the York high school. Later he entered the United Brethren College at York, from which he was graduated in 1894. He then taught school for four years and in 1898 matriculated in Creighton Medical College at Omaha but later transferred his allegiance to the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1902. He began practicing in Omaha but in 1904 came to Denison and started a small hospital in his own home. Three years later he founded the Denison Hospital, of which he is superintendent. The hospital has from the beginning been a remarkable success and is one of the well established institutions of this city.

On the 16th of June, 1904, Dr. Johnson was united in marriage to Mrs. Lola R. Ellithorpe, widow of N. S. Ellithorpe and a daughter of Frank B. Doty. Two children have been born of this union, Mary Claire and John A. Mrs. Johnson by her former marriage was the mother of one son, Ralph C.

Professionally Dr. Johnson holds membership in the County, State and American Medical Associations and has many friends in those organizations who are in thorough sympathy with the important work which he is carrying on in Denison. Fraternally he is very active, being connected with the Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Maccabees, the Woodmen of the World, the Yeomen of America and the Royal Highlanders. In religious belief he adheres to the teachings of his early years and is identified with the Catholic church. Energetic and efficient, he has won a high standing in his profession and is recognized as one of the leading practitioners of the healing art in Denison.

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#### SOLOMON W. SLATER.

Solomon W. Slater, who passed away on the 1st of March, 1906, was one of the pioneer settlers of East Boyer township, where he spent the greater part of his life, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits and owning four hundred and forty acres of valuable land at the time of his demise. His birth occurred in Ulster county, New York, on the 15th of September, 1838. His paternal grandfather, Walter Slater, was of Holland descent and took up his abode among the early settlers in the vicinity of New York city.

James Slater, the father of Solomon W. Slater, was likewise a native of Ulster county, New York. He lost his wife in 1850 and four years later journeyed westward with his children, traveling by boat to Albany, New York, thence to Buffalo by rail, by boat to Chicago and by rail to Rock Island. From the last named place he made his way by team to Crawford county, Iowa, locating

on the farm which remained his home during the rest of his life and which afterward came into possession of our subject. At the time of his arrival here there were but ten or twelve voters in the county. The place on which he settled was a tract of raw land on section 10, East Boyer township, and thereon he erected a log cabin, fourteen by sixteen feet. In this primitive little structure hospitality was dispensed in a liberal manner, it being the best stopping place west of Carroll, Iowa,—twenty-five miles distant. James Slater performed the arduous labor incident to the development of a farm and carried on general agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest on the 11th of July, 1879, when he had attained the age of seventy-two years. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he was widely recognized as a substantial and respected citizen of the community. Unto him and his wife were born four children, namely: James, Maria, Solomon W. and Anna. All are now deceased.

Solomon W. Slater, who was a youth of sixteen when he came to Crawford county with his father, assisted in developing the home farm, first clearing and then breaking the land. Whenever the family was in need of provisions he drove a team to Council Bluffs, eighty miles distant. He never left the old homestead and was successfully identified with general farming interests throughout his active business career, accumulating four hundred and forty acres of highly improved land.

When a young man of twenty-seven years Mr. Slater was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Winans, a native of Bureau county, Illinois, and a daughter of Clarke and Catherine (Chivley) Winans, who came to Iowa in 1854, locating at Mason Grove. Clarke Winans passed away on the 24th of September, 1885, while the demise of his wife occurred April 3, 1898. Their children were eight in number, as follows: Henry, who is deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Eli Olney, of Odebolt, Iowa; Mrs. Sarah Slater, who has passed away; George, who is a resident of Deloit, Iowa; Mrs. Mary Slater; Josiah, who is deceased; Julia, the wife of Taylor Pierce, of Omaha, Nebraska; and Clarke, who is living at Odebolt, Iowa.

Unto Solomon W. and Sarah (Winans) Slater was born one son, Henry, who now follows farming in East Boyer township. He wedded Miss Mary McWilliams, by whom he has one child, Helen. Three years after the death of his first wife, which occurred February 20, 1865, Mr. Slater wedded her sister Mary, who is likewise a native of Bureau county, Illinois. By that union there were four children, the record of whom is as follows: George, who resides on the home farm, married Miss Lillian Hulce, by whom he has one child, Mary. Katie is the wife of Arthur Barrow, a live stock dealer of Manilla, Iowa, by whom she has three children: Hazel, Harry and Charles. Grace is the wife of E. E. Griffin, of Oldham, South Dakota, and the mother of one child, Florence. Frank, who wedded Miss Lillian Northam, is now a widower with two children, Carl Franklin and Harold Lawrence.

Mr. Slater was a republican in politics and held several local offices, the duties of which he discharged in a satisfactory and commendable manner. He was a member of the school board, acted as township trustee and also served in the capacity of township treasurer. Frank and jovial in manner and straightforward in all his dealings, he won the regard and esteem of all with whom he

came in contact and was a well known and popular citizen. The period of his residence in this county covered more than a half century and he witnessed the wonderful transformation which occurred as pioneer conditions gave way before the onward march of civilization. His estate has been divided but his widow still resides on the home place, owning forty acres thereof. Mrs. Slater is widely and favorably known and has a host of warm friends in the community.

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### REV. CHARLES RUNGE.

The Rev. Charles Runge, who is in charge of the pastorate of St. Paul's German Lutheran church in Hanover township, Crawford county, was born in Pommern, Germany, in 1859, and is a son of Frederick and Frederica (Beitz) Runge. The parents, who were born and married in the fatherland, emigrated to the United States with their family in 1862 and located on a farm in Shawano county, Wisconsin, where they continue to reside. They own a large tract of land, which is well improved and highly cultivated, being one of the valuable properties in that county. Mr. Runge no longer engages in active farming, although they continue to reside on the homestead, as he has now reached the venerable age of seventy-seven years, and Mrs. Runge has passed her seventy-fifth year. They were the parents of the following children: John, who is married and operates the home farm; Franklin, living at Underhill, Oconto county, Wisconsin; Fred, who is a resident of the same place; Anna, the wife of Robert Rose, of Bonduel, Wisconsin; Ida, who died at the age of eighteen years and is buried in Sioux City, Iowa; and our subject.

After he had completed the common-school course Charles Runge entered Concordia College at Springfield, Illinois, where he continued to study until fully qualified to enter the ministry. After his graduation he was elected to the pastorate of the German Lutheran church in Sioux City, Iowa, and after presiding over that parish for seven years accepted his present charge. In addition to his duties as pastor he has charge of the parochial school which is conducted in connection with the church.

The marriage of Rev. Charles Runge and Miss Paulina Dicke was solemnized on the 12th of October, 1883. Mrs. Runge is a daughter of the Rev. P. and Catrina (Betzler) Dicke and was born in Therese, Dodge county, Wisconsin. Her parents were natives of Germany but came to America and settled in Cecil, Wisconsin, in an early day, and there they still reside, the father now being eighty-nine years of age and the mother seventy-eight. Thirteen children were born to them, as follows: Caroline, who is now deceased; Henry, who lives in Underhill, Wisconsin; Mary, the wife of John Krieger, of Waterloo, Iowa; Paulina, now Mrs. Runge; Frederick, deceased; Herman, also deceased; Hermine, the wife of the Rev. H. Daib, of Merrill, Wisconsin; William, also residing in Merrill, Wisconsin; Anna, who married Gustave Rothe, of Hanover township; Charles, living in Cecil, Wisconsin; Julia, the wife of Paul Fiene, of Charter Oak, Iowa; Johannes, who lives in Minnesota; and Clara, the wife of Emil Petermann, of Advance, Wisconsin.



Nine children have been born to Rev. and Mrs. Runge, of whom the two eldest, William and Clara, are deceased, and the others are: Johannes, who is a music teacher in Chicago; Barney, a graduate of the high school, who is employed in the First National Bank at Charter Oak, Iowa; Lydia, who is also a graduate of the high school, now in Chicago; Martin, who is a high school graduate, now in the bank at Ricketts, Iowa; Esther, Alfred and Paula, all at home, the two former attending school.

Rev. Runge has made many friends during the long period he has presided over the parish in Hanover township and is highly regarded and respected not only by the communicants of his own church but by others. He is a man of high ideals and rigid principles, yet withal is charitable in his judgments and liberal in his views, which undoubtedly has tended to strengthen his hold on the community at large.

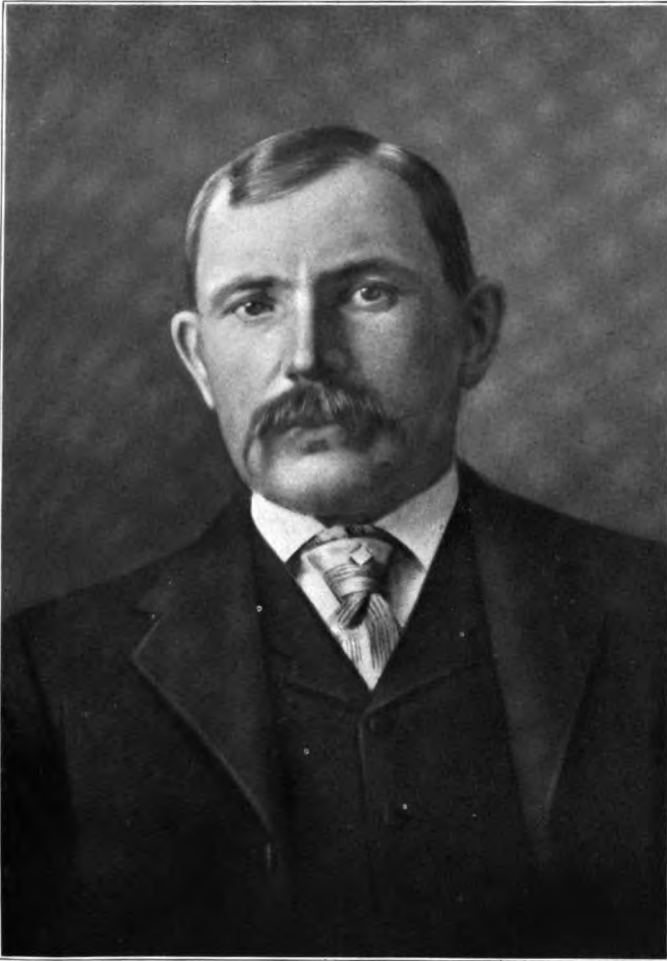
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### JOHN H. RATH.

A study of the life of John H. Rath most clearly demonstrates that success does not depend so much upon opportunities as the ability to dominate conditions. A native of Germany, he was born near Kiel on the 24th of July, 1864, being the eldest child of Fred and Katrina (Burk) Rath. The father spent his entire life in the land of his nativity but the mother came to the United States in 1886, locating at Davenport, Iowa, where she passed away one year later. The other five children in the family are as follows: Christ, a farmer of Cedar county, Nebraska; August, who follows the same vocation in Nishnabotny township, Crawford county; Dora, the wife of Charles Bundy, of Los Angeles, California; Charles, farming in Washington township; and William, a farmer of Minor county, South Dakota.

John H. Rath obtained his education in the common schools of his native land, where he resided until he had attained his majority, at which time he decided to avail himself of the better opportunities afforded young men in America. Upon his arrival in the United States he made his way westward to Davenport, Iowa, where he worked at the mason's trade for two years and then removed to Crawford county. He worked as a farm hand in East Boyer township during the first year of his residence here, after which he went to Nishnabotny township, where he farmed as a renter for seven years. By means of thrift, good management and close application he acquired the capital which enabled him to buy a farm at the end of that period, and he came to Washington township, where he purchased three hundred and sixty acres of land, which he still owns and cultivates. He has effected many and extensive improvements upon his homestead during his occupancy, making it one of the valuable properties of the county. The buildings and fences are all substantially constructed and kept in repair, the pastures contain a high grade of stock, while the fields are cultivated in accordance with the best methods of modern agriculture, all of which pay tribute to the progressive ideas and capable supervision of the owner.

Mr. Rath has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Eliza Schroeder, a native of Germany, who passed away in 1899, and they became the



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parents of the following children: Henry, Otto, Rudolph, Freda, Elsie and Carl, all of whom are at home with the exception of Carl, who is living in Los Angeles, California. In 1901 Mr. Rath was united in marriage to Miss Katie Jurgensen, and unto them have been born three children: Clara, Herbert and Robert.

The family attend the services of the Lutheran church with which the parents are identified by membership. Mr. Rath is an ardent advocate of the principles of democracy, the candidates and policy of which party always are given his support. He stands well in the estimation of his fellow citizens, having but recently been elected to the office of township trustee, while he is serving his third term on the board of school directors. In addition to his extensive agricultural interests Mr. Rath is a stockholder as well as one of the organizers of the Farmers Lumber Company of Buck Grove and he also owns stock in the lumber company at Manilla. He is the type of man who, in the advancement of his private interests, never loses sight of his responsibilities as a public citizen and thus would be an acquisition to any community.

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#### H. W. OTTO.

Among the enterprising young men of Denison is H. W. Otto, well known in connection with the tea and coffee business. He has shown a progressiveness in commercial affairs that has secured a handsome annual income which gives promise of larger development. He was born at Bremen, Germany, May 23, 1880, a son of C. and Christina (Goetlieb) Otto, both of whom were born in Germany. They came to America in 1885 and located in Crawford county, Iowa. The mother is deceased but the father is still living and makes his home in Denison. There were fourteen children in their family, five of whom survive, namely: Henry, Wilhelmina, Christ, Freda and H. W.

H. W. Otto has a very dim recollection of his native land, as he came with his parents to the new world at the age of five years. He grew up as one of a large family, in which each was expected to perform his or her share of work, and the habits of industry thus acquired have been to him of inestimable value. He possessed advantages of education in the common school and later attended college. At fourteen years of age he began clerking in a general store in Denison and devoted himself to that line of trade for seventeen years. He then became identified with the Denison Tea & Coffee Store, and by his uniform courtesy and ability to meet the wants of customers he has assisted greatly in the growth of its business.

In 1903, Mr. Otto was united in marriage to Miss Marie Finnern, who was born in Germany in 1880, a daughter of Christian Finnern. Her parents came to this country and are now living in Crawford county. There were ten children in their family. Four children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto, namely: Walter, Herman, Flora and Harriett.

Ever since reaching manhood Mr. Otto has given his allegiance to the republican party and is a sincere advocate of its principles. Religiously he and

his wife are identified with the Lutheran church. He made thorough preparation for the vocation in which he is now engaged, bringing to it a zeal and concentration of mind that seldom fail to attract merited reward. He is greatly interested in the development of the business and as his methods are up-to-date and entirely trustworthy there is no doubt as to his success in years to come.

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#### E. E. NEWKIRK.

E. E. Newkirk, who is now acting as manager of the Neola Elevator Company with elevators at Kenwood, Paradise township, has by a series of progressive steps worked his way upwards in the business world from a humble position, his record indicating clearly the force of industry, energy and perseverance. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born on the 11th of September, 1862, a son of William and Elizabeth (Huggans) Newkirk. The family came to the United States from Holland, the name originally being Van Newkirk. William Newkirk, who was also born in the Keystone state, was there reared and married and continued to make it his place of residence until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he offered his services to his country as a defender of the Union cause. He enlisted as a soldier in the Seventh Pennsylvania Reserves and gave up his life at the engagement of Gaines Mills, before Richmond, at which time the regiment had been forced to retreat. During the battle he was twice wounded and was urged by his comrades to go to the rear. This, however, he refused to do, retaining his place at the front, and while thus talking and reloading his gun he was again struck by a shell which terribly mutilated his body. It was then that the company was forced to retreat, and two comrades started to carry him back with them, an almost impossible task, owing to the nature of his wound and the fact that he was a large man. Realizing that he would die, anyway, he begged them to leave him, and he was last seen crawling toward a spring from which he was trying to get a drink. Nothing has ever been heard as to the place of his burial. His widow, who was also born and reared in Pennsylvania, still survives and yet makes her home in that state. Their family consisted of six children, as follows: John, a resident of Elizabethville, Pennsylvania; one who died in infancy; William, whose whereabouts are unknown; Perry, of Amorita, Oklahoma; Joel, of Montclair, New Jersey; and E. E., of this review.

The last named when but five years of age was sent to the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Loysville, Pennsylvania, and there remained until sixteen years old, during which period he received a good education. He then went to Newport and was a pupil in the town school there for a short time, after which he went to York, Pennsylvania, to learn the blacksmith's trade, serving an apprenticeship of six months, at the end of which time he returned to Newport and for a season was engaged in boating on the canal. He next sawed wood for the railroad company, being thus employed until the 16th of February, 1880, when, imbued with a desire to test the opportunities of the west, he made his way to Illinois and worked on a farm in Bureau county until 1883.

In that year Mr. Newkirk came to Iowa and for two years was a resident of Carroll county, after which he loaded his effects into a wagon and came to Crawford county, arriving here on the 1st of March, 1885. He first located in Union township, where for one year he engaged in breaking prairie, and then for three years he carried on farming on rented property. Finally, by reason of the strict economy, which he practiced at all times, and the close application, with which he applied himself to the work at hand, he was able to save sufficient capital with which to purchase a farm of his own, thus establishing himself independently in the business world. His first purchase consisted of a tract of eighty acres just west of the town of Kenwood in Paradise township, to which he has since added an adjoining farm of eighty acres. The ground had already been broken but had not been developed to any great extent, and after taking up his abode thereon Mr. Newkirk devoted his energies to its further cultivation. He put many improvements upon the place, erected good buildings and installed modern machinery, and today the farm is a most productive and valuable property. He engaged in general farming with most gratifying success until about three years ago, when he came to Kenwood to take charge of the elevator at this place owned by the Neola Elevator Company. In this capacity he is also proving most successful, bringing to bear in the discharge of his duties the same spirit of energy, determination and close application which had characterized his steady advance through the preceding years.

Mr. Newkirk laid the foundation for a happy home life of his own through his marriage, on the 14th of December, 1884, to Miss Euphemia McDonald, a native of Pennsylvania. They attend the Methodist Episcopal church and are popular with a large circle of friends, acquaintances and neighbors. Mr. Newkirk gives his support at the polls to the republican party but takes no active part in politics, preferring to concentrate his attention entirely upon his business interests, in the management of which he is proving himself most capable and successful. Since his arrival in Kenwood he has become known to his fellow townsmen as a desirable and valued citizen, his business methods and personal traits of character commanding their respect, confidence and good-will.

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#### GEORGE V. JORDAN.

George V. Jordan, one of the most prosperous and influential residents of Paradise township, is the owner of nine hundred and thirty acres of rich and arable land in Crawford county. His birth occurred in Paris, Oxford county, Maine, on the 6th of August, 1846, his parents being Enoch C. and Mary Richardson (Cleaves) Jordan. The father, who was born in Saco, York county, Maine, on the 30th of September, 1808, was a son of Ichabod Jordan, whose birth occurred in Saco, Maine, on the 24th of September, 1770. The latter passed away in the same house in which he was born, being called to his final rest on the 20th of May, 1865. On the 5th of February, 1797, he had wedded Miss Mary Coffin, who was a daughter of James Coffin and died on the 10th of October, 1859. Ichabod Jordan was a sea captain. When he was a young man of

twenty-one years his ship, *The Fame*, was captured by the British ship, *Favorite*, which was commanded by Arthur Wood. In 1805 Ichabod Jordan commanded the American ship *Ocean* and made a trip to Stockholm, Sweden. His arrival there was celebrated by the city, and the king and queen came on board and dined. During the war of 1812 Captain Jordan was a prisoner on board the frigate *Boxer* at the time of her engagement with our American ship, *Enterprise*. He voted for George Washington and for every president down to Lincoln. His father, Tristram Jordan, was born on the 13th of May, 1731, at Winter Harbor, now Biddeford, York county, Maine, and was married three times. In 1749, in Berwick, he wedded Hannah Goodwin, who was a daughter of Captain Ichabod Goodwin, was born on the 24th of July, 1730, and passed away on the 10th of July, 1775. For his second wife Tristram Jordan chose Miss Dorcas ———, whom he wedded at Falmouth in December, 1778, and who died on the 19th of December, 1781. His third wife, who bore the maiden name of Hannah Frost and whom he married in Berwick on the 21st of May, 1784, was called to her final rest on the 26th of September, 1789. Tristram Jordan, who was eleven years old when his father died, followed merchandising at Saco, Maine. When a young man of twenty-three he was chosen selectman of the town, serving in that capacity from 1754 until 1762. He also acted as captain of the militia and was appointed colonel by the council of Massachusetts in 1776, while in 1787 he was elected senator by the county of York. He removed from the Falls at Saco to his estate two miles north on Ruxton Road, where his demise occurred on the 1st of November, 1821. Tristram Jordan was a son of Samuel Jordan, who was born in 1684, at Spurwink, now Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland county, Maine, and died on the 20th of December, 1742. In 1718, in York county, Maine, Samuel Jordan wedded Miss Olive Plaisted, whose birth occurred on the 1st of May, 1698, and who was called to her final rest in 1763. Her parents were James and Mary (Rishworth) Plaisted, of Brunswick, Maine. Samuel Jordan, his mother and all the other children of the family were captured by the Indians and taken to Trois Rivières in Canada, where Mr. Jordan remained a prisoner for seven years, spending six years with the Indians and one year with the French. At one time, when asked whether he preferred the Indians or the French, he replied: "The Indians." In 1717 we find his name recorded at Winter Harbor, Maine, where he was conducting a store, but on account of his knowledge of Indian affairs he was of greater value to the government as interpreter. After the treaty of 1717 he acted as Indian agent, government agent and interpreter. He was a man of great energy, a prominent factor in business affairs and a leader in the Congregational church. Samuel Jordan was a son of Dominicus Jordan, who was born at Spurwink, Cumberland county, Maine, prior to 1664. In 1681 the latter wedded Miss Hannah Tristram, a daughter of Ralph Tristram, of Winter Harbor, now Biddeford, Maine. At the beginning of King Philip's war, in 1675, in company with the other members of his father's family, Dominicus Jordan left the settlement when it was attacked by the Indians and the homes destroyed. Six years later he returned, residing there until the second Indian war in 1690, when he was again forced to leave, this time remaining away until 1698. He was known as "the Indian killer." In 1703 a party of apparently friendly Indians called on him

to buy some goods and, taking him off his guard, buried a hatchet in his brain, leading his wife and children as prisoners to Canada. Dominicus Jordan was a son of the Rev. Robert Jordan, clergyman of the Church of England as early as 1639. He was established at Richmond's Island as successor to Mr. Gibson but the precise time of his coming is not known, nor the exact place of his nativity in England. It is supposed, however, that he crossed the Atlantic about 1639. At Richmond's Island the Rev. Robert Jordan wedded Miss Sarah Winter, the only child of John Winter. On account of his religious beliefs he spent the winter of 1654 and also that of 1663 in jail. His demise occurred at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in 1679, when he had attained the age of sixty-eight years.

Enoch C. Jordan, the father of George V. Jordan, spent his early life in Saco, Maine, and subsequently removed to Paris, Oxford county, that state. Later, however, he returned to his birthplace, there passing away in 1880. By trade he was a courier. Unto him and his wife were born eleven children, the record of whom is as follows: Mary Elizabeth and Fitzwilliam, both of whom are deceased; James H., who died in front of Morris Island, at the siege of Charleston, in 1863; Elizabeth R., who has passed away; Charles Albert, an architect of Chicago, Illinois; Enoch, a surveyor of Saco, Maine; George V., of this review; Isabelle, who is a resident of Boston, Massachusetts; Caleb, who follows farming in Defiance, Ohio; Mrs. Louisa Robinson, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Mary, who makes her home in Saco, Maine.

George V. Jordan, whose name introduces this review, acquired his education in the common schools and remained with his parents until ten years of age, while during the next six years he lived with his grandparents. He worked on a farm in Maine for two years and when a youth of nineteen came to Iowa, spending a short time in Modale, Harrison county. He then taught school in Crawford county for two years. On the expiration of that period he purchased land at Gallen's Grove, retaining the tract, however, for but a few months, when he exchanged it for the property on which he now resides in Paradise township, Crawford county. He first made a number of small improvements and subsequently erected a mammoth residence. In the conduct of his agricultural interests he has won a gratifying measure of success and his property holdings at the present time embrace nine hundred and thirty acres of valuable land in this county. He is also a director of the Arion State Bank at Arion, Iowa, of which he was one of the organizers and of which he has served as vice-president.

In 1868 Mr. Jordan was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Wetherby, a native of Allegany county, New York, and a daughter of William and Susan (Moore) Wetherby, who were born in New York and Vermont respectively. They took up their abode in Elgin, Illinois, where occurred the death of Mr. Wetherby. His widow came to Iowa in the fall of 1867 and passed away in 1896. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jordan were born five children, namely: William, a horse dealer of Dow City, Iowa; Mary, twin sister of William, who is deceased; Lizzie, the wife of H. G. Scott, an agriculturist of Paradise township; Nettie, the wife of George Rule, who also follows farming in Paradise township; and George V., who has passed away.



Mr. Jordan is a republican in politics and held a number of minor offices in the early days. He was a charter member of the Baptist church at Dow City and has ever been deeply and helpfully interested in its work. The period of his residence in Crawford county covers more than four decades and he has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of its most respected and esteemed citizens.

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#### H. J. MOELLER.

One of those who has actively and successfully contributed to the commercial development of West Side is H. J. Moeller, who for a period of seventeen years has been engaged in the general merchandise business here. A native of Germany, his birth occurred in the province of Schleswig-Holstein on Christmas day, 1863, being a son of Peter and Catherine (Diers) Moeller. The father passed away in the fatherland at the age of sixty-five years, but the mother emigrated to the United States with her children in 1881, locating in Davenport, where she continued to reside until her demise in 1901 at the age of eighty-two. H. J. Moeller is the youngest of the six children born unto his parents, the others being: George, who resides in Davenport; Peter, a farmer near West Side; Minnie, the wife of William Lepteen, of Davenport; Wiebke, who married John Luetze, of Chicago; and Annie, the wife of Rudolph Meyer, also of Chicago.

H. J. Moeller was a youth of seventeen years when he left his native land, in the common schools of which country he acquired his education. Coming to Davenport, Iowa, in 1881, he continued to make his home with his mother for two years, at the end of which time he came to West Side, entering the employ of Peters & Suhr, who were engaged in the lumber and implement business, being identified with them for nine years. Withdrawing from this in 1892, he took a position on the railroad, which he retained for a year, at the expiration of which period in connection with John F. Grote he embarked in the general merchandise business. This arrangement continued for ten years and then Mr. Moeller bought the interest of Mr. Grote and has since been conducting the business alone. He has met with success in this venture and in addition to his store owns a very pleasant residence which he and his family occupy.

In March, 1886, Mr. Moeller was united in marriage to Miss Ida Boock, who is a native of Bryant, Iowa, although of German extraction, her birth occurring on the 14th of April, 1867. She is the eldest of the five children born unto her parents, Henry and Catherine (Kuhl) Boock, the others being: Chris and Henry, residents of West Side; Tillie, the wife of John Rinefeld, of Kansas; and Emma, who married Jack Hall, of Boone, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Moeller are the parents of the following children: Harry, living in Omaha, Nebraska; Fred, who passed away on the 24th of November, 1892, at the age of four years; Alma, whose demise occurred on the 6th of December, 1892, at the age of two years; Carl, residing in Omaha, Nebraska; Roy, who is assisting his father in the store; and Arlo and Earl, both of whom are still at home. The family affiliate

with the Lutheran church, while fraternally Mr. Moeller is identified with the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen.

A strong advocate of the principles of democracy Mr. Moeller gives his political support to the men and measures of that party. That he stands well in the opinion of his fellow citizens is indicated by the fact that he is and has been for twenty years a member of the council. A public-spirited man, he has always openly declared his support of every measure he considered to be for the benefit of the community at large, which fact of itself would make him a most desirable citizen.

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### GEORGE MENAGH.

George Menagh, one of the most prosperous, enterprising and respected citizens of Denison, conducts an extensive business as a general merchant and miller. He is a native of County Down, Ireland, his parents being Hugh and Ann Menagh, who were likewise born in that country. The father, who was employed as an engineer by the Northern Counties Railroad in Ireland, crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1869, coming direct to Denison, Iowa. On arriving in this county he turned his attention to farming in East Boyer township, first purchasing a tract of eighty acres and later buying forty acres more. It was all raw prairie when it came into his possession, but he set resolutely to work and soon transformed the property into a rich and productive farm. Since about 1882 he has made his home in Denison, being one of the well known and highly esteemed residents of the community. His wife was called to her final rest in August, 1902. They were Baptists in early life but later joined the Holiness Band. Unto them were born five children, as follows: George, of this review; Charles; Anna, the wife of A. D. Randall; Hugh; and Sarah, the widow of a Mr. Chesney.

George Menagh spent the first seventeen years of his life in the land of his nativity and there acquired his education. After putting aside his text-books he worked for some time as a cabinet maker but after emigrating to the new world became identified with general agricultural pursuits, following farming in Crawford county, Iowa, until 1880. In that year he took up his abode in Denison but continued breaking prairie for the farmers of the vicinity. In 1883 he began buying grain in association with his brother Charles, the partnership being maintained for several years or until he purchased his brother's interest. He still deals in grain, coal, hay and all kinds of mill feeds and enjoys an extensive trade along those lines. On the 2d of July, 1903, he established a grocery business in Denison, which he has developed into a general store, opening on two streets and having both south and west fronts. He manufactures harness and sells dry goods, meats, groceries and notions. His sons and daughter are associated with him in business and assist in the conduct of the extensive establishment, in which a large number of clerks are employed.

Mr. Menagh was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Henderson, a native of County Antrim, Ireland. Her father died when she was an infant and her

mother when she was fourteen years old, leaving her an orphan living with her uncle Thomas Luney. Unto our subject and his wife were born four sons and one daughter, namely: Elizabeth; Charles William, who wedded Miss Sadie Bohart and has one son, George; James; David; and John.

Mr. Menagh gives his political allegiance to the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. Throughout his business life he has been watchful of indications pointing to success, has utilized his opportunities to the best advantage and has been upright and honorable in all his dealings. Though born across the water, he is thoroughly American in spirit and interests and the town of Denison numbers him among its leading and valued residents.

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#### R. W. PAUL.

For more than twenty-five years R. W. Paul has been a resident of Crawford county and through his industry, perseverance and sound business judgment he has acquired one of the most attractive farms of Boyer township. He is a native of Clinton county, Iowa, born September 15, 1865, and is a son of Darius and Charlotte (Cady) Paul. The father was born in New York state and after reaching manhood came to Iowa and took up his residence in Clinton county, where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1895. He was a minister of the Baptist church and a man of marked ability and many sterling traits of character. The mother was also a native of the Empire state and died about one year before the death of her husband. There were seven children in the family: Fanny, now the wife of Light Demming, of Silverwood, Michigan; Minnie, now Mrs. Lisle Cudney, of Central City, Nebraska; Emma, the wife of Kilmer Barker, of Plainview, Texas; Charlotte, who married Art Reynor, of Central City, Nebraska; R. W., of this review; Julia, the wife of Clarence Barr, of Dewitt, Iowa; and Anna, who married John Clarke, also of Dewitt.

R. W. Paul grew to manhood under the favoring conditions of a happy home and received his early education in the district schools of Clinton county. He began farming in his native county and after arriving at the age of twenty-one years came to Crawford county, locating on land which belonged to his father. Fifteen years ago he purchased the property and has made other accessions so that at the present time he is the owner of five hundred and sixty acres. He has erected two sets of buildings and follows general farming and stock-feeding, sparing no efforts to secure the best results from his work. He is very thorough in everything he undertakes and has one of the model places of the township.

In 1889 Mr. Paul was united in marriage to Miss Almarty Davis, of Crawford county, and three children came to bless their union: Darius H., Vera M. and Viola V., all of whom are at home. Politically Mr. Paul gives his adherence to the democratic party, but he has never sought the honors of public office, as his interest has been concentrated upon his business. He has served very acceptably as a member of the school board. He and his wife are identi-



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fied with the Baptist church and earnest workers in its behalf. Fraternally he is connected with the camp of Modern Woodmen of America at Dow City. Mr. and Mrs. Paul have many friends and their home is a welcome gathering place whose generous hospitality is widely acknowledged. Always loyal to his convictions, he ranks high in the estimation of his associates and acquaintances, there being in him a stability of character and a clearness of judgment which command respect wherever he is known.

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### JURGEN SCHROEDER.

The strong characteristics of industry and steadfastness of purpose which are predominant in the Teutonic race are fully demonstrated by the career of Jurgen Schroeder, who, seeking broader fields of endeavor in a foreign country, has attained that measure of success that comes to all who work for it. A son of Jurgen and Gertrude (Bliesman) Schroeder, he was born May 26, 1851, at Fehmarn Island, Puttgarten, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, the fourth in a family of four children born to this couple, the other surviving child being Dorothea, who is the wife of Charles Tamn and resides in Germany. Those deceased are Mathias and Nichols.

On July 7, 1868, at the age of seventeen years, Jurgen Schroeder emigrated to the United States and upon arriving in this country began working on a farm near Davenport, Iowa, where he remained for two years. He then went to Tama county, this state. In 1873 he rented one hundred and sixty acres in Tama county, which he farmed until 1877, when, on January 20 of that year, he removed to his brother's farm near Denison, where he continued for the ensuing six years, and then purchased eighty acres of land one mile west of Schleswig. Here he inaugurated his first business venture by opening a small store on the farm, which he conducted until the advent of the railroad into Schleswig, in 1899, when he moved, not only his business, but his entire building, consisting of the store, a blacksmith shop and a dance hall, to the town and there continued his mercantile pursuits on a more extensive scale. He is now engaged in general merchandising and owns the largest establishment of its kind in Crawford county outside of Denison. From his initial venture, which began in a room ten by twelve feet in Hohenzollern, he has developed and expanded his business enterprises until at the present time it comprises a dry-goods department twenty-five by one hundred feet and a grocery department twenty-four by sixty-four feet, with an addition in the rear twenty by twenty-four feet, which is utilized as a store room. The building is heated by steam, lighted by gas and has all the up-to-date improvements that are necessary for the conduct of a modern store.

Mr. Schroeder has been married three times, his first wife having been Miss Wilhelmine Carstens, of Davenport, Iowa, by whom he had four children, namely: Matilda, who married H. J. Seymour, of Soldier, Iowa; W. H., who resides in Schleswig; Maggie, who is the wife of Herman Jahle and lives near Schleswig; and Herman, who makes his home in Washington. The mother of

these children died December 13, 1873, and subsequently Mr. Schroeder was married in Hohenzollern, Iowa, to Miss Johanna Lorensen, by whom he had four children, as follows: Olga, Walter and Freda, who are at home, and Eddie, who is attending school in Des Moines. Mrs. Johanna Schroeder having died, Mr. Schroeder was married August 8, 1900, to Mrs. Tena Frahm, of Denison, Iowa, and they have one son, Raymond.

Mr. Schroeder has always cast his vote for the republican party and takes a deep interest in the welfare of his community. He served as postmaster at Schleswig for four years and held the same position at Hohenzollern for eight years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Odd Fellows and the German Brotherhood in Denison, while religiously he is a member of the Evangelical church. In the country of his adoption he has ever maintained a reputation for integrity and honest dealings in all his business enterprises and richly merits the confidence and high esteem accorded him by his fellow citizens.

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### JOHN B. GLASSBURNER.

John B. Glassburner who is engaged in the breeding and raising of thoroughbred stock in Washington township, is a native of Iowa, having been born near Drakeville, Marion township, Davis county, on the 14th of March, 1857. His parents, Samuel B. and Mary P. (Edwards) Glassburner, were both natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, but were married in Iowa. Samuel B. Glassburner came to Iowa with his father in 1847 and located in Davis county, where the latter spent the remainder of his days. John B. Glassburner is the eldest in a family of four children. The others are as follows: Amanda, the wife of Owen Williams, of Batavia, Iowa; William L., who lives in Washington, this state; and Rachel, the wife of Blueford Haines, of Unionville, Iowa. The parents remained upon the homestead as long as the father was able to engage in active farming and then retired to Washington, where they are living with their son.

John B. Glassburner acquired his education in the district schools of Davis county, remaining at home and assisting his father in the cultivation of the farm until he had attained his majority. In 1878 he began farming for himself as a renter in his native county but after living there one year removed to Appanoose county, where he resided until 1881. On the 13th of February in the latter year he located on a farm on section 32, Charter Oak township, this county, and for twelve years Mr. Glassburner engaged in general farming and stock-raising. In 1903, however, he removed to Charter Oak and lived there until the spring of 1905, at which time he settled on his present homestead in Washington township. During the period of his occupancy he has very much improved this place, having erected, in addition to the other extensive improvements, a fine residence with modern appointments. His farm contains two hundred and forty acres of land, all of which is under a high state of cultivation. He makes a specialty of breeding and raising thorough bred Poland China

hogs, Durham cattle and Oxford sheep and is meeting with most gratifying success in his undertaking.

Mr. Glassburner was married in 1878 to Miss Amanda Allen Boyer, also a native of Davis county, and they have become the parents of six children, as follows: Maimie F., who after graduating from the high school entered the training school in Chicago and for six years has been engaged in mission work in southern China, near Hia-kiang; Frank J., who is also a high school graduate; Daisy H., the wife of Joseph Hallowell, of this county; Grace L., the wife of Eldridge Bryan; Fred R., attending college at Ames; and Ruth P., who is attending school at Dow City. All of the children graduated from the high school at Charter Oak with the exception of the youngest daughter.

The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal denomination and are active church workers. Mr. Glassburner is also identified with a fraternal insurance order. Although he always gives his political support to the candidates of the republican party, he never participates in local governmental matters as he does not care for public honors or the emoluments of office. He is one of the highly respected citizens of the community where he resides, as well as one of the most prosperous, while socially the family affiliates with the best people.

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#### GUSTAVE H. LOCHMILLER.

Although Gustave H. Lochmiller is one of the younger representatives of agricultural interests in Crawford county, he is yet widely known, for his entire life has been passed in this locality and he represents one of the early and prominent families of this section of the state. He was born on the home farm, located on section 3, East Boyer township, February 22, 1867. His parents, Phillip and Carolina (Nehooft) Lochmiller, were natives of Germany, where they were married, after which they emigrated to the United States. They at once made their way to Crawford county, Iowa, and, being pleased with this part of the country, made it their permanent location, purchasing a farm in East Boyer township, which the father cultivated for many years. He became a successful man and is now making his home in Denison, where he is living in honorable retirement. Unto him and his wife were born eight children, as follows: Antonia, the wife of W. E. Johnson, of Los Angeles, California; Clementina, the wife of E. E. Ransom, of Denison; Gustave H., of this review; Phillip, deceased; George, who makes his home in Garrison, North Dakota; Frank, deceased; one who died in infancy; and Rudolph, a resident of Denison.

Gustave H. Lochmiller pursued his early education in the district schools of East Boyer township and completed his studies in the Denison high school, which he attended for two years. He remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage, having in the meantime been thoroughly trained in the work of the home farm. However, following his marriage, he clerked in a store in Denison for fifteen years, but at the end of that time decided to again take up farming and in 1901 located on a farm in Washington township.



After a year, however, he removed to the old home place in East Boyer township and today owns the property, composing two hundred and forty acres. He here engages in general farming and stock-raising, and that he thoroughly understands his work in both branches is indicated by the splendid success which has come to him.

It was on the 26th of May, 1895, that Mr. Lochmiller was united in marriage to Miss Alice Blackman, who was born in Denison township, Crawford county, a daughter of Jerome and Celia (Harper) Blackman. The father was born in the state of New York but his death occurred in Crawford county in 1909. The mother, however, still survives and makes her home in Denison. Their family numbers ten children, as follows: Frances, the wife of John Duff, a resident of Denison township; William, who makes his home in Paradise township, Crawford county; Edward, of Denison; Guy, also of this city; Alice, now Mrs. Lochmiller; John, of Denison township; Claud, who makes his home in Dow City; Anna, the wife of Floyd Smith, of Washington, Iowa; Fred, of Denison; and Carl, at home. Mrs. Lochmiller supplemented her early educational training by study in the college at Denison, after which she engaged in teaching for two terms. By her marriage she has become the mother of two sons and two daughters but the younger son and second in order of birth, Phillip, is deceased. The others are Gustave H., Jr., Alice and Abbie, all with their parents.

In his political views Mr. Lochmiller is a republican, and in his fraternal relations is a Woodman of the World. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lochmiller have spent their entire lives in Crawford county and are therefore widely and favorably known, the hospitality of their pleasant country home being greatly enjoyed by their numerous friends and acquaintances.

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#### PETER MILLER.

Abundant success has been the reward of Peter Miller in his efforts to found a home in America. A farm and ranch owner, he spends his winters in Denison and his summers amid the beautiful scenes of nature in Montana. His prosperity is to be ascribed to his unwearied application and good business judgment, two qualities that are of great importance in the accomplishment of any worthy undertaking.

He is a native of Prussia, born December 30, 1846, a son of Christian Dietrich and Sophia (Petersen) Miller, who were also born in Prussia. The father, whose birth occurred in Galding, learned the carpenter's trade and became a contractor and bridge builder. In 1869 he emigrated to America and after spending ten years at Davenport, Iowa, settled in Denison, where he lived retired, passing away in 1891, at the age of seventy-four years. His wife died three years later, having attained the same age as her husband. They were both members of the Lutheran church. Nicholas Miller, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a forester in Germany in the employ of the government and

was an officer in the army at the time of the Napoleonic wars. There were three children in his family, John, Nicholaus and Christian. The grandfather on the maternal side was Claus Petersen, who made thatched roofs for houses and also served as a soldier in the army at the time of Napoleon.

There were eight children in the family of Dietrich and Sophia Miller, namely: Nicholas, of Denison; Henry, of Holstein, Iowa; Peter, of this review; Christina, now Mrs. William Werner, of Holstein; John, of Schleswig, Iowa; Doris, the widow of Nicholas Frantz, of Denison; Minnie, now Mrs. Fred Martens, of Davenport, Iowa; and August, of Denison.

Peter Miller was reared in his native country and received his education there, spending one year, after laying aside his books, on a sailing vessel at sea. He then became a teamster in the Danish army and later served in a similar capacity in the German army. In 1867, he came to America and spent the first winter at Davenport, Iowa, being attracted in the spring to Nebraska, where he assisted in the construction of the Union Pacific Railway. However, he again went to Davenport and began farming in Scott county. About 1877 he removed to Otter Creek township, Crawford county, where he established his home, now owning a valuable place of two hundred and forty acres in that township. In 1890 he took up his residence in Denison and three months later went to Montana, where he started a sheep ranch near Lloyd, which he also owns. He spent eight years in the northwest but has lived in Denison during the winters since 1898. He is recognized as a man of good business ability who seldom undertakes anything that he does not carry through successfully.

On the 22d of December, 1875, Mr. Miller was united in marriage in Scott county to Miss Elizabeth Claussen, who was born at Eckenford, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, a daughter of George Henry William and Marie (Wieland) Claussen. Her parents came to America in 1853 when their daughter Elizabeth was a year and a half old and settled at Davenport, where she grew to womanhood. Her mother died about two months after coming to this country and the father subsequently married, the maiden name of his second wife being Mary Stegermann. She passed away in 1891. Mr. Claussen departing this life in 1906, at the age of eighty-four years. There were two children by his first marriage: John, who lives at Wilton, Iowa; and Elizabeth, now Mrs. Peter Miller. Of the second union two children also were born: Christian, of South Dakota; and Doretta, the wife of George Banick, who is engaged in the banking business at Wilton. Mr. Claussen was a soldier at the time of the revolution in Germany in 1848. John Claussen, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Miller, was a carpenter and lived to be fifty years of age. In his family were four children, John, Henry, Frederick and Rudolph. Her grandfather Wieland, on the maternal side, engaged in teaming in Germany and owned a number of teams. His children were Peter, Dirk, Sarah and Marie.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Henry and Christ are engaged in the stock business in Montana. Henry married Sophia Hofeldt and has four children, Ervin Peter, Leslie Robert, Dorothea and Marjorie. Christ married Caroline Khure and has three children, Lillian, Dorine and Doris; the two youngest being twins. Louis died at the age of thirteen years. Lillian

is now the wife of J. W. Miller, abstractor for the Bank of Denison, and the mother of one daughter, Waline.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller occupy a beautiful home in Denison, which he erected in 1898 and provided with all modern conveniences. Socially he and his wife are well known and religiously they are affiliated with the Lutheran church, of which they are stanch supporters. Mr. Miller gives his support to the republican party and is a valued member of Sylvan Lodge No. 507, A. F. & A. M., of Denison, but his friends are by no means limited to lodge membership, as they are to be found wherever he is known. No one envies him his good fortune as it has been obtained by thoroughly honorable means, and his properties are managed in such a way as to add to the permanent welfare and prosperity of the country.

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#### MARTIN FRIEDRICHSEN.

Martin Friedrichsen, the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of excellent farming land in Otter Creek township, is a native of Germany, his birth occurring in that country on the 24th of May, 1863. He is the eldest child of K. M. and Elizabeth (Petersen) Friedrichsen, who emigrated to the United States with their family in 1881 and located in Crawford county, Iowa. After residing here one year they bought an eighty acre farm in Otter Creek township, which they continued to cultivate until 1889, when they retired to Schleswig, where they are now living. They were the parents of nine children, those beside the son Martin being: Agnes, the wife of Henry Bendixen, of Schleswig; Fred, who lives in Otter Creek township; Magdalena, who married Ed Kestner; Knud, also a resident of Otter Creek township; Catharina, the wife of Henry Ricketts, of Nebraska; Julia, who married Emil Elser, of Ida county; Freda, the wife of John Jurgensen, of Morgan township; and Carl, living in Otter Creek township.

Martin Friedrichsen acquired his education in the schools of his native land, following which he apprenticed himself to the carpenter's trade, following that occupation during the first seven years of his residence in America. In 1888, however, he bought eighty acres of land and engaged in general farming and stock-raising but is now making a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs for the market. He has met with most gratifying success in his various ventures and as a result now owns one-half section of land in Crawford county, all of which is well improved and under a high state of cultivation. His is one of the valuable properties of Otter Creek township and the improvements are substantial and kept in good condition. He keeps a fine grade of stock and his fields are given the capable supervision which produces abundant harvests.

On the 27th of March, 1888, the union between Mr. Friedrichsen and Miss Anna Guttburg was solemnized. Mrs. Friedrichsen is a native of Germany, in which country her parents, Johann and Marguerita (Botham) Guttburg, still live, the father at the venerable age of ninety-two years and the mother at eighty-one. Nine children were born unto them but only eight attained matur-

ity, the youngest dying in infancy. The others are as follows: Laurence, Elsaba and Johann, all of whom are living in Germany; Marguerita, deceased; Franz, of Germany; Claus, residing in Schleswig; Anna, the wife of Martin Friedrichsen; and Katherina, who married Christian Kruse, of Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Friedrichsen have also had nine children. Ella, Carl, Johannes, Marvine, Anna, Fred, Alfred and Violet, are still at home, while Marguerita, the fourth in the order of birth, died in infancy.

The family attend the services of the Lutheran church with which denomination they are identified by membership. Mr. Friedrichsen is a public-spirited man and always takes an active interest in all local issues, at all times giving his support to the democratic party. He stands high in the regard of his fellow citizens who have elected him to various minor offices in his township, the duties of which he discharged in a manner satisfactory to the community. He has many friends in Otter Creek township whose regard is accorded him most justly as he is a man worthy of esteem.

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### THEO ROHWER.

Among the younger business men who have attained more than a moderate degree of success in the commercial circles of their home town is Theo Rohwer, who is at present holding the responsible position of cashier in the banking establishment of Baxter, Reed & Company. Born December 10, 1868, he is a son of Henry and Catherine (Barofsky) Rohwer, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in 1858 and located in Davenport, Iowa, where he followed his trade as a shoemaker until 1862, when he and four other young men took an overland journey by wagon to Nevada, where for a few years he was employed in quartz mining. He made his homeward trip by way of San Francisco and the isthmus of Panama, again taking up his residence in Davenport, where he engaged in the shoe business until 1882, when he located on a farm in Tama county, Iowa, remaining there until 1904. That year he again returned to Davenport, where he now resides. To him and his wife were born eight children, of whom the following are living: Julius, of Ida Grove, Iowa; Gustav, of Moline, Illinois; Theo, of this review; Henry, of Seattle, Washington; and Amanda, the wife of Fred Fick, of Ida Grove. The deceased members of this family are: George, who died in 1900; and Clara and Anna, both of whom died in infancy. The mother departed this life in 1885.

From his ninth birthday Theo Rohwer labored on the farm until seventeen years old. He attended the Davenport Business College during the winters of 1888 and 1889 and then obtained employment in a general store. He worked one year for Montgomery Ward & Company of Chicago, and then came to Ida Grove, where for the following six years he clerked in a general store. Since 1899 he has been in the bank of Baxter Reed & Company, acting in the capacity of cashier.

Mr. Rohwer was married at Ida Grove to Catherina Brechwald, a daughter of Andrew and Barbara (Schmidt) Brechwald. She is one of a family of nine

children, the others being as follows: Mary, who became the wife of Charles Seaman and died in 1888; Agnes, who married John Schmidt, of Clinton county, Iowa; John, of Carroll county, Iowa; Ferd A., of Ida Grove; Barbara, the wife of William Murphy, of Ida Grove; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Robert Mien and resides in Kansas; Jacob, who is living in Canada; and Theresa, who married Frank Hart and makes her home in Nebraska. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rohwer have been born seven children: Julius, John, Theresa, Helen, Roland, Emmett and Alice.

In politics Mr. Rohwer has always cast his ballot for the democratic party and fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a man of keen business acumen and executive ability, is well known for his strict integrity and faithful attention to his duties, and he possesses the entire confidence of his employers as well as the high regard of his fellow townsmen.

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### NINUS L. HUNT.

Ninus L. Hunt, a member of the firm of Pfarr, Gebert & Hunt, general merchants of Denison, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Crawford county, his birth having occurred in Goodrich township on the 19th of October, 1855. His parents, Alonzo R. and Margaret (Dobson) Hunt, were natives of New York and Ohio respectively. His great-great-grandfather on the paternal side came from England or Wales and was drowned in Long Island Sound. Captain Ziba Hunt, the great-grandfather, served as a captain in the Revolutionary war. The following communication was received in reference to his service:

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February 7, 1911.

This is to certify that on folio 169 of volume XX of a series of manuscript volumes entitled, "Manuscripts of the Colony and State of New York in the Revolutionary War" in the custody of the regents of the University of the State of New York in the State Library is a land bounty right signed by the members of a class in Colonel William B. Whiting's regiment of Albany County Militia, district of Kings, and that among the members of this class is Ziba Hunt.

(Signed) PETER NELSON,  
Assistant Archivist.

In testimony whereof, the seal of the University of the State of New York has been affixed at the city of Albany this 7th day of February, 1911.

AUGUST S. DOWNING,  
Acting Commissioner of Education.

Captain Hunt, who was a tanner by trade, married Johanna Blont, a daughter of Ambrose and Johanna (Clark) Blont, and with his family removed to New Lebanon, Columbia county, New York, in 1780. He was born in 1746 and died in 1820. There were thirteen children born to him and his wife.



N. L. HUNT



Walter Hunt, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of New York and a farmer by occupation. He was the father of a large family of children, including Amos, Elizabeth, Johanna, Amanda, Emily, William, George, Isaac, Alonzo R. and Jason Z.

Benjamin Dobson the maternal grandfather of Ninus L. Hunt, was born in Ohio in 1799 and became a miller. He came to Crawford county, Iowa, in 1851, laid out the town site of Deloit, named the place and there erected the first saw and flour mill. He lived to attain the age of seventy-seven or seventy-eight years, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Keziah Wolf, was called to her final rest in 1863. Among their children were the following named: Thomas, John, Benjamin, William, Elihu, Margaret and Elizabeth.

Alonzo R. Hunt, the father of the gentleman whose name introduces this review, was reared in New York and followed farming as a life work. He came to Iowa in 1848, settling in Harrison county, where he wedded Miss Margaret Dobson, their marriage being the first to take place in that county. The year 1853 witnessed his arrival in Crawford county and here he held the office of county recorder. In the spring of 1857 he removed to Johnson county, Nebraska, settling on a homestead near Tecumseh. He acted as probate judge of Johnson county and at the time of the Civil war enlisted in Company D, First Nebraska Cavalry, serving with that command for a little less than a year. His demise occurred in the hospital at Omaha at the comparatively early age of thirty-seven years. His widow returned to Deloit, Iowa, where she passed away on the 25th of November, 1905, when seventy-six years of age. She was a devoted and consistent member of the church of the Latter Day Saints. By her marriage she became the mother of six children, three sons and three daughters, as follows: Sarah A., the deceased wife of Lafayette Robbins; Amos W., who is a resident of Alberta, Canada; Ninus L., of this review; Mary L., the wife of John F. Goff, of Glen, Minnesota; Elder Charles J., living in Deloit, Iowa; and Cynthia, who died when about eighteen months old.

Ninus L. Hunt was born and reared in Crawford county and has spent his entire life within its borders with the exception of six or seven years' residence in Nebraska. He was reared to the work of the farm, drove cattle, broke prairie, and did all the other tasks incident to the cultivation of the fields, remaining under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. In the acquirement of an education he attended the district schools and also the public schools of Deloit, Iowa. After completing his studies he followed the profession of teaching for five winter terms, while the summer seasons were devoted to farming. While engaged in teaching he was elected to the office of township assessor, holding that office for seven years in succession. On the expiration of that period he formed a partnership with his brother, Charles J., and in September, 1882, they opened a general mercantile establishment in Deloit, conducting business under the firm style of Hunt Brothers for twelve years. N. L. Hunt then purchased his brother's interest and continued the business alone for four years before disposing of it. In the fall of 1887 he was nominated and elected county auditor, being the first republican ever chosen for that office in Crawford county. He was elected by a majority of fifty, overcoming a democratic majority of five hundred and forty-three, and served for two years. In



the fall of 1894 he was nominated for the position of county recorder and elected by a majority of forty-one, holding the office for two years. Subsequently he worked in the Bank of Denison for four years, being employed by Shaw & Kuehnle. At the end of that time he bought an interest in the concern with which he is now connected, becoming a member of the firm of Pfarr, Gebert & Hunt, general merchants. They enjoy an extensive and profitable trade and Mr. Hunt is widely recognized as one of the substantial business men and respected citizens of his native county.

On the 22d of February, 1880, Mr. Hunt was united in marriage to Miss Emma L. Mason, a native of Milford township, Crawford county, and a daughter of Jesse and Eliza (Johnson) Mason, who were born in Kentucky and Illinois respectively. They were pioneer settlers of Crawford county, Iowa, coming in 1850 and spending the remainder of their lives here. Their children were three in number, namely: Jane, Margaret and Angeline. Jesse Mason, who was twice married, had the following children by his second wife: Matilda; David and Jesse, twins; John; Julia; Hiram C.; Emma L.; and Andrew J. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt are the parents of three children: R. Blaine, who is working for a publishing company in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and N. Leslie and Margaret, who are attending school.

In politics Mr. Hunt is a republican and, as previously shown, his fellow townsmen have honored him by election to several positions of public trust and responsibility. After serving as township assessor he was elected township clerk of Milford township, and served as secretary and president of the school board and as school treasurer in that township. For three years he was postmaster of Denison and has served as notary public and director of the normal school. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen of the World and the Sons of Veterans. No breath of suspicion has ever assailed his good name and on the contrary he stands as a splendid type of the honorable, reliable, successful man, the public-spirited citizen and the trustworthy friend.

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#### JOHN LOUIS McCLELLAN.

A gallant soldier when the life of his country was in danger, a useful and progressive citizen in times of peace and a generous and kind hearted gentleman, John Louis McClellan of Denison can claim many friends in Crawford county. He became a resident of this locality soon after the Civil war, and as a contractor assisted very materially in the erection of the substantial buildings of Denison. He is now living retired. He was born at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, April 7, 1838, a son of John and Mary McClellan, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. The father was a hotel keeper and later a banker in Gettysburg. He died at the time of the Johnstown flood in his eighty-first year. He belonged to the state militia, attaining the rank of colonel in that organization. Our subject's grandfather, William McClellan, was a soldier in the war of 1812.

John Louis McClellan was the only child of his parents and was reared at Gettysburg, receiving his education in the public schools and at Pennsylvania College. After leaving college he learned the carpenter's trade, and just as he was ready to begin his business career the Civil war threw its shadow over the land. He responded to the first call of President Lincoln and enlisted in the Second Pennsylvania Volunteers for three months. At the close of this period he reenlisted for nine months in the One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and after the term of his enlistment expired he once more offered his services to the government, becoming a member of the Twenty-first Pennsylvania Cavalry, in which he continued until the close of the war. He was a private during the entire period and was discharged at Gettysburg in July, 1865. In 1866 he came west with his wife to Iowa and spent one year in Mahaska county, being then attracted to Crawford county, which has since been his home. He engaged in carpentering, bridge building and contracting and also in house moving. He built the old courthouse, the west brick school building and many of the most substantial structures of Denison, which stand as monuments to his skill as a builder.

On the 15th of April, 1862, Mr. McClellan was united in marriage to Miss Georgia Wade, a daughter of James and Mary (Filby) Wade. She was born at her grandmother's old home on the 4th of July, 1841, on the present site of the battlefield of Gettysburg and grew to womanhood in Gettysburg. When about fourteen years of age she began learning the millinery business, in which she continued until she was married. Since 1866 she has made her home in Iowa. Her father was a native of Virginia and her mother of Pennsylvania. He died at Gettysburg at the age of sixty-three years, the mother also passing away at the same place, aged seventy-two. There were five children in their family: Georgia Wade, now Mrs. John Louis McClellan; Jennie, who was killed during the battle of Gettysburg; John James, of Mancos, Colorado; Samuel S., of Peoria, Illinois; and Harry M., who died in Seattle, Washington, in 1907. The father of Mrs. McClellan was by trade a tailor. Her grandfather was a soldier of the Revolution and was killed at the battle of Brandywine. Her grandmother before her marriage was Elizabeth Mills. Samuel Filby, the grandfather on the maternal side, was a native of Pennsylvania and a carpenter by trade. His wife was Elizabeth De Groff. They had four children.

Six children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. McClellan, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Louis Kenneth, now a farmer living near Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, who married Bessie McMulkin and has two sons, Joseph and John; Jennie Wade, who married Richard Cook, a railroad man in Monmouth, Illinois; Jim Britton, now a house mover of Denison, who married Ala Kinney and had eighteen children, thirteen of whom are now living, Georgia, Gladys, Mary, Martha, Bessie, Fred, Jim, William, Job, Harry, John, Russell and Louis; Nellie G., of Los Angeles, who married Fred S. Heffelfinger and has three children, Annie M., John M. and Kitty; and John H., who married Carrie Kelley and lives in Carroll.

Mrs. McClellan has been for many years one of the prominent workers in lines of philanthropy in Iowa. She was secretary of the National Women's Relief Corps and also state president of the same organization. Moreover, she

has been national press correspondent, chairman of the national executive board, department secretary and department treasurer of the Women's Relief Corps. She has served as state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and as member of the board of trustees of this organization. She was also interested for eleven years in the Benedict Home and at the present time is auditor of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for the state of Iowa. She is recognized as one of the most active workers in the two great organizations named that can be found in this state.

Mr. McClellan and his wife are both adherents of the Christian Science Church and stanch believers in its teachings. He belongs to the John A. Logan Post, No. 58, G. A. R., and is now past commander. He has served many times as officer of the day and also marshal of the day on Memorial Day. Politically, he gives his support to the republican party and for three terms served as city marshal of Denison, being the first marshal of this city. In the discharge of his duties, both public and private, he has been governed by a high sense of honor and has been fearless in the support of what he believed to be just and true. He has won the confidence of those with whom he has come into contact and is admitted by all to be a worthy representative citizen of Crawford county.

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#### HERMANN KOENEKAMP.

A worthy ambition is a powerful incentive and without it very little can be accomplished along lines of human progress. It is the key that unlocks the door of opportunity and the young man who possesses it, if he is guided by sound judgment, is on the highway to fortune. The truth of this statement is clearly illustrated in the life of Hermann Koenekamp, whose name stands at the head of this sketch. He was born in Oldenburg, Germany, March 21, 1849. His father, who was a farmer, died in Germany when our subject was four years old. He was by occupation a farmer and religiously was identified with the Lutheran church, as was also his wife. The mother, who before her marriage was Catharina Doris, lived to the age of eighty-three years, passing away in 1893.

Hermann Koenekamp was reared and educated in his native land and at the age of fourteen was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade, which he followed until the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war in 1869. He then enlisted in the regular army, in which he continued about three years, being honorably discharged from service August 5, 1872. Laying aside his military accoutrements he returned to his old home, where he was married, and six weeks after his discharge from the army started with his young wife for America. After living for eleven months in the city of Chicago, he engaged for two years in farming in Cook county and in the fall of 1875 came to Crawford county, Iowa, and rented a farm in Goodrich township, upon which he lived for two years. Later he lived in Hanover and Morgan townships, and about 1881, having acquired the necessary capital, purchased two hundred and forty acres in Denison township of Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, upon which he lived until 1894, disposing of it three years later. In 1894 he purchased a farm of four hundred and forty acres near Dow

City, Iowa, from the Crawford County State Bank, which he sold in the spring of 1910, and in 1908 he bought one hundred and sixty acres in Faulk county, South Dakota, purchasing another tract of one hundred and sixty acres in 1910, which is located near Watertown, South Dakota. He still owns both of these farms and also a beautiful residence in Denison, which he purchased in 1904. He has an improved farm of four hundred and eighty acres in Kansas, which he bought in 1910. His undertakings have been accompanied with a gratifying measure of success and he has for years been known as one of the highly prosperous citizens of this county.

On the 6th of October, 1872, Mr. Koenekamp was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Meyer, who was born at Oldenburg, Germany, March 14, 1853, a daughter of Christ and Margaret (Choringer) Meyer. Her parents were both natives of Germany and her father died in that country in 1895, at the age of more than seventy years, her mother having passed away in 1863 at the age of forty-five. There were six children in their family: Helena, Wilhelm, Christian, Eliza, Henry and Johanna. The father was a soldier in the regular army of Germany and became a teamster and farmer. Eleven children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Koenekamp, namely: Emma married Wilhelm Plahn, of Pierce, Nebraska, and has nine children, Lena, Herman, Anna, Henry, Amelia, Wilhelm, Hilda and Hattie, twins, and Emma. Ida died at the age of nine months. Mary married Jacob Mehman and they now live in Denison township. Lena married Hans Blom, of South Dakota, and they have one son, Julius. Christ and Herman are both farmers of the state of Washington. Bertha is now Mrs. Joseph R. Best and has two children, Louisa and Homer. Bernhardt is a resident of Raymond, Washington. Johan and Hans are both living in Los Angeles, California. Louisa is living at home and is a student in the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Koenekamp are members of the Lutheran church and active workers in its behalf. He is identified with the Denison Lonverin, the German soldiers society, and also with Die Deutsche Bruederschaft, the German brotherhood. Politically, he gives his support to the republican party. He has not aspired to the honors and emoluments of office as he prefers the quiet life of a private citizen. Essentially a self-made man, his example has been to others an inspiration and support, the value of which can never be known.

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#### A. E. ANDERSON.

Some men are born with a talent for mercantile life, possessing a good address, intelligent application and an appreciation of the wants of the public as well as the energy necessary to carry through successfully what they undertake. A. E. Anderson, of Kiron, belongs to this class, judging by the result of his efforts up to the present time. He is a native of Sweden, born April 17, 1877, and is therefore a young man justly fairly launched in the business world. His parents are Lars and Anna Anderson, both of whom were born in Sweden and came to America in 1889. After living for a number of years in Crawford county they bought land in Ida county, Iowa, which they recently sold in order

to establish a permanent home at Kiron. There were three children in their family, namely: Andrew, who is now living upon the old homestead; Maggie, the wife of Oscar Johnson, of Crawford county; and A. E., the subject of this review.

A. E. Anderson came to America with his parents at twelve years of age and received his preliminary education in the public schools, later attending college. He remained at home until manhood and then entered mercantile business in Ida county. In 1907 he took up his residence in Kiron and has since been at the head of a general store there. He owns the building in which he conducts his business and has shown a capacity for practical affairs that is a brilliant prophecy as to his future.

Ever since arriving at voting age Mr. Anderson has supported the republican party. He has never sought political honors, preferring to devote his entire energies to his business affairs. He is friendly toward all branches of the Christian religion and all efforts to advance the welfare of his fellowmen. He has made a highly creditable record as a business man and as a citizen and is a fair-minded gentleman who never seeks to advance his own interests to the injury of others, being governed in all his dealings by principles of truth and honor.

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#### ADOLPH F. MEYERS.

One of the capable and promising farmers of Crawford county is Adolph F. Meyers, whose home is on section 34, Soldier township, where he has a highly productive farm of three hundred and twenty acres. He is a native of this county, born July 30, 1877, and is son of Adolph and Katrina (Vogelpohl) Meyers, both of whom were born in Germany. The father came to America at the age of twenty years and lived for some time in Cook county, Illinois, where he was married, coming in 1876 to Crawford county, Iowa. Here for thirty years he was actively identified with the agricultural interests. At the time of his death in 1906 he owned seventeen hundred acres of land in this county. He was an unusually successful farmer, a man of great energy and perseverance, good judgment and unblemished character. His wife passed away in 1903. They were both members of the Lutheran church. There were seven children in their family, namely: Minnie, now the wife of Otto Stegemann, August, William, Dora, wife of Henry Weddemeyer, Adolph F. and Henry, all of whom are living in Crawford county; and Henry, who died at the age of eighteen years.

Adolph F. Meyers was reared on the home farm and received his education in the district schools. He remained at home until after the death of his father and began farming on his own account, being now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres, upon which he has made many valuable improvements. He cultivates the land to excellent advantage, raising cereals and also raising and feeding stock for the market. Honorable, prompt and true to every obligation, he is respected by his neighbors and justly stands high in the estimation of all who know him.

On the 5th of March, 1903, Mr. Meyers was united in marriage to Miss Emma Cheer, who was born in Iowa, June 1, 1880, a daughter of John and Barbara (Lamp) Cheer. Her father was born in Germany and her mother in Iowa. They were married in this state and are now living on a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Woodbury county, the father being sixty-seven and the mother fifty-four years of age. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: Emma, now Mrs. Adolph F. Meyers; Louie, Lena, Adolph, Minnie and Emil, all of whom are at home; Clara, who died at the age of fourteen years; Leacy, Freda and Albert, who are at home; and Willie, who died in infancy. Four children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meyers, namely: George, Otto, Edna and Clara.

Mrs. Meyers, like her husband, possessed advantages of education in the public schools. She is a member of the German Lutheran church as is Mr. Meyers, and they are loyal supporters of that organization. He gives his willing assistance to the promotion of the general good of the community and his voice and influence are always in behalf of improvement. He has been a lifelong democrat, and although he has never sought the honors of office he is ever ready to assist his friends who are ambitious to gain political recognition. He and his wife are genial and hospitable and have many friends in Crawford county.

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#### C. HENRY BOHM.

C. Henry Bohm, one of the thrifty and energetic sons of Germany who has been a factor in the agricultural development of Washington township, was born in Oldenburg on the 16th of December, 1856. His parents, Henry and Sophia Bohm, are still living in the fatherland. Five children were born to them, of whom the son Henry is the eldest. The others are: Lizzie, who lives in Germany; Doris, now Mrs. Krueger, living in Hanover township; Augusta, who married August Miller, of Goodrich township; and Antone, living in Germany.

C. Henry Bohm obtained his education in the common schools of his native land. When he was old enough to lay aside his text-books he obtained work on a farm and continued in this occupation until he was twenty-seven years of age, at which time he decided that the United States afforded better opportunities for industrious young men than the old country and so took passage for America. Upon his arrival here he made his way westward to Rock Island, Illinois, where he obtained employment in a sawmill. He remained there but a few months, however, and then came to Crawford county, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand for two years, first near Denison and later in Milford township. During that period he accumulated the means necessary to begin farming for himself, so rented land in Goodrich township, which he cultivated for six years. At the end of that time he went to Paradise township, where he rented land for two years and then bought eighty acres but soon afterward removed to Washington township. He farmed there as a renter for three years and then bought the land he was cultivating, making all of the payments in five years. Later he

bought his present homestead, consisting of two hundred and forty acres on section 19, Washington township, where he engages in general farming and stock-raising, in both of which he is meeting with marked success. During the period of his residence he has effected many improvements, making his farm one of the most valuable in that portion of the county.

In 1885 Mr. Bohm was united in marriage to Miss Christina Moss, a native of Germany, who passed away in 1894. Five children were born of this union, but the eldest son, William, is the only one now surviving. For his second wife Mr. Bohm chose Miss Lena Grammerstrof, their marriage being solemnized in 1895, and unto them were born the following: Emil, Carl, Eddie and Augusta.

The family always attend the Lutheran church, with which denomination the parents are identified by membership. Ever since he was granted the full rights of citizenship Mr. Bohm has given his political support to the republican party, considering that its policy is best adapted to subserve the interests of the majority. Although he does not actively participate in municipal affairs, not aspiring to public office, he fulfills the demands of good citizenship by going to the polls on election day and casting a ballot. Mr. Bohm's life, like those of many of his fellow countrymen, most clearly demonstrates what it is possible to accomplish in America with an asset of perseverance and determination.

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#### ALEXIS HENRY HARPER.

In recording the life history of any man it is always interesting to know what were the elements of character that made it possible for him to attain an independent place in the world and in studying the personal qualities of Alexis Henry Harper we find that he possesses the requisite amount of energy, ambition and application that go to make success. Born in Utica, New York, February 26, 1850, he is a son of James Henry Harper. His mother died when he was but three years old and all trace of her and her family have since been lost. His only sister, Sarah Jane, married James Wiley, but nothing has been heard from her since 1873, at which time she was supposed to be living in Bolivar, Missouri. When Alexis H. was six years of age his father took him and his sister to Racine, Wisconsin, and there left them while he continued his journey to California in the quest of gold. He met with his death on the western plains in 1861 on his way back to Racine.

Alexis Henry Harper pursued his early education in the public schools of Racine, making that city his home until 1869, when he went to Cedar county, Iowa, and located in Springdale township, residing there until 1874. In that year he came to Washington township, Crawford county, and here purchased a farm, upon which he lived for two years, at the end of that period returning to Cedar county, where he resided the following two years. Once more coming to Crawford county he located in Boyer township, rented land until 1881, and then moved to his present location on sections 19 and 20, Union township. Here he improved his farm, consisting of one hundred and twenty acres of land, besides



MR. AND MRS. A. H. HARPER





which he owns two houses and three lots in Dow City, all of which he has acquired as a result of his individual efforts and tenacity of purpose.

In 1873 Mr. Harper was married to Miss Marianna Bonsall, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Joseph W. and Sarah (Hunt) Bonsall. Her parents were both natives of Pennsylvania and removed to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1861, remaining there until 1878, when they came to Crawford county, where they spent the rest of their lives. They were the parents of six children, of whom but two survive, Mrs. Harper and Chester, the latter being a rural route mail carrier residing in Dunlap, Iowa. Mrs. Bonsall's death occurred in 1903, her husband passing away in 1907.

In politics Mr. Harper has always supported the principles of the republican party and locally is known as a "standpatter." Fraternally he is a popular member of the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with his wife also holds membership in Rebekah chapter. They are both worthy members of the Baptist church, in which he serves as a trustee, while she holds the office of clerk. Mr. Harper's life has been one of continuous activity and he has made good use of his business opportunities, carrying forward to a successful completion whatever he undertakes. He deserves much credit for his splendid record, whereby he has advanced from a humble position in life to a place among the prominent and prosperous agriculturists of Crawford county.

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#### GEORGE W. NICHOLSON.

The broader spirit of the new century found expression in the business record of George W. Nicholson, president of the Nicholson Produce Company of Denison. For a number of years he was in control of large affairs and extensive interests in this connection. His ability to manage, his business and financial instinct, his quick comprehension of a situation and his secure grasp of details were all elements in his successful conduct of a business which has long since assumed large and profitable proportions.

Mr. Nicholson was a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Barnesville, Belmont county, October 6, 1853. He died March 2, 1911, at Tampa, at Mrs. Barley's home. His parents were John L. and Eleanor (Young) Nicholson, also natives of the Buckeye state. The father was a son of John Nicholson, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, but became an early settler of Smithfield, Ohio. In 1864 he sought the opportunities of the middle west, making his way to New Sharon, Iowa, where he lived for thirty-five years. He died, however, while on a visit in Denison in 1899, in the eighty-first year of his age. His wife survived him four years, passing away in 1903 at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. Nicholson had been reared as a member of the Society of Friends or Quakers, but in later life he and his wife both became members of the Methodist church. He held a number of local offices and was a prominent and valued citizen of the community in which he lived. His family numbered nine children, namely: Amanda J., who died in young womanhood; Martin W., of New Sharon, Iowa; George W., of this review; John W., deceased; Charles L., of

Blair, Nebraska; Ross A., who died at Newton, Iowa, in 1909; Benjamin Y., a resident of Denison; Oliver E., who died in Boulder, Colorado; and Mary, who passed away in infancy.

George W. Nicholson spent the first eleven years of his life in the state of his nativity and then came to Iowa with his parents in 1864. He was a resident of New Sharon for about five years, during which period he attended the public schools. When a youth of fifteen he started out to make his own way in the world and was employed at construction work on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. In 1880 he came to Crawford county and for eight years was a resident of Vail. On the expiration of that period he removed to Denison, where he lived for five years, after which he went to Grand Junction, where he remained for fourteen years. He then returned to Denison, where he engaged in the poultry, butter and egg business, which has claimed his time and attention from 1874 until his death. He and his brother, Benjamin, were associated in this enterprise for twenty-eight years and conducted a business of extensive proportions. In 1908 they erected in Denison a large storage plant, which is sixty by sixty feet and five stories in height including basement. There is also an L addition. They drew trade from all directions and from a large district, and were among the leading shippers of this part of the state.

On the 4th of August, 1884, Mr. Nicholson was married to Miss Frances Long, a daughter of J. F. and Bridget (Butler) Long. Four children were born of this marriage: Grace Frances, now the wife of Guy O. Baker; George, who died at the age of two years; Georgiana May, who is attending high school; and John, who died in infancy. The mother passed away in 1896 at the age of thirty-four years. She was a Catholic in religious faith. Her birth occurred at Elk Point, Dakota, while her father was a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and her mother of Ireland, being brought to America when only a year old. Mr. and Mrs. Long were early settlers of Dakota, but for some years lived in Vail, Iowa, where Mr. Long passed away. The death of Mrs. Long occurred at Grand Junction, Iowa, in the spring of 1910. On the 14th of August, 1905, Mr. Nicholson was again married, his second union being with May O. Adams, who was born at Atlantic City, New Jersey, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Adams, still reside. She is one of six children, the others being: Louis; Alfred; Bentley; Carrie, the wife of Louis Rothchild; and Pauline, the wife of Frederick Holmes. The father, Alfred Adams, is a son of John Adams, who came to this country from France with four brothers and settled in New Jersey. The family have since scattered over the United States and are very prominent in the east. Mrs. Nicholson was reared and educated in Atlantic City, where she was graduated from the high school. She lived for a time in New York, but was married in Chicago, and has made her home in Denison for the past six years, being very prominent in social circles here.

George W. Nicholson was an exemplary and prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. He belonged to Jefferson Lodge, No. 57, A. F. & A. M., of Grand Junction; Jefferson Chapter, R. A. M.; Jefferson Commandery, K. T.; Des Moines Consistory, A. A. S. R., in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite; and Za-ga-zig Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. He never

sought nor desired office as a reward for party fealty, yet was not remiss in the duties of citizenship, supporting at all times those measures and movements which he deemed of essential value in the conduct of business affairs or in promoting the interests of the community. He passed away at Tampa, Florida, March 2, 1911.

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### FRANK McHENRY.

Frank McHenry, a prominent and well known agriculturist who has been identified with the farming interests of Crawford county for forty-four years, was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, April 9, 1856, a son of Vincent and Dency (Nefft) McHenry. The mother's birth occurred in Rhode Island, but the father was a native of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where their marriage occurred. In 1855 he went to Wisconsin, locating near the town of Milton, and remained there ten years. He then came to Iowa and took up his residence at Boonesboro. After a twelve months' sojourn here he removed to Janesville, Minnesota, and a year later again came to Iowa and rented land on section 18, Union township, Crawford county. For three years he operated this farm and then purchased land on the same section and upon which his son Frank is now living. In the course of time he brought it to a high state of cultivation. Here he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1891. In politics he was an old line whig and later supported the republican party. His wife died in Crawford county in 1903. They were the parents of four children, two of whom survive, namely: Helen, who is the wife of C. F. Cassidy and lives in Denison; Frank, of this review.

Frank McHenry in early youth attended the district schools of Wisconsin and later those of Crawford county. He then took up his life work on the home farm and has since given his entire time and attention to the pursuit of agriculture, bringing to his labors a well trained mind and a knowledge born in the school of experience. Aside from his farm of eighty acres on section 18, Union township, he owns an additional eighty acres on section 20, all of which is well improved and valuable land.

On March 21, 1883, Mr. McHenry was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Gibson, who was born in Huron county, Ontario, Canada, August 12, 1858, a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Shillington) Gibson. Her father was born in Canada, of Scotch-Irish parentage, and came to Crawford county in 1871, locating in Union township, where he lived until 1883. In that year he removed to Charter Oak and later to Dunlap, where he remained but a short time and then went to Missouri. He subsequently returned to Crawford county and resided with his children until his death, which took place in 1910. His wife was a native of the north of Ireland and her death occurred in Crawford county in 1877. Three children were born to this couple: Robert Henry, living in Hugo, Colorado; Margaret; and Lydia, the wife of C. W. Pierce, a resident of Denison. Mrs. McHenry was educated at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, and for eight years taught school in Crawford county. Mr. and Mrs. McHenry have

one child, Ruth, who is the wife of E. R. Morrison. They are residing on the home place and are the parents of one child, Raymond McHenry.

In his political views Mr. McHenry supports the republican party, and in religion both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is one of the trustees. His wife joined the church when but eight years old. Mr. McHenry is an excellent type of those who go to make the best farm element of the county, where he is recognized as one of the substantial and representative citizens.

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### C. J. TELLGREN.

C. J. Tellgren, who was formerly engaged in agricultural pursuits in Crawford county but is now living in Kiron, where he has a wagon and repair shop, is a native of Sweden. He is a son of G. F. and Elizabeth Katherine Tellgren, also natives of Scandinavia, his birth having occurred on the 30th of January, 1862. The parents emigrated to the United States in 1885, and in February of which year they settled on a farm in Crawford county, Iowa. The father passed away on the 21st of March, 1908, but the mother is still living, although she has passed her seventy-fifth anniversary. They were the parents of five children, who were as follows: C. J., our subject; Andrew, deceased; O. F., living in Crawford county; Enoch, who resides in Ida county; and Alfred, also of this county.

C. J. Tellgren received his education in the common schools of his native land, remaining a member of his father's household until he had attained his fifteenth year, at which time he started out in life for himself. He worked as a farm hand for two years and then entered the army. After two years' service, he decided to become a citizen of the United States and after receiving his discharge he took passage for America. Upon his arrival he made his way westward, locating in Crawford county, Iowa, where he obtained employment upon a farm, continuing to work for others for three years. At the end of that period he had accumulated sufficient means to enable him to farm as a renter and for sixteen years he cultivated leased land. In 1900 he gave up agricultural pursuits and removed to Kiron, where he opened a wagon and repair shop, which he is still conducting. Mr. Tellgren is an excellent mechanic, having been a high class engineer in Sweden when he was seventeen years of age. He has met with moderate success in his various ventures and owns his residence and two lots, as well as his shop and a building and two acres of land within the village limits.

Mr. Tellgren was married on the 3d of July, 1889, to Miss Matilda Swanson, one of the five children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Swan Nelson, of Sweden, who spent their entire lives in their native land. Three children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Tellgren, as follows: Maud T., Anna V. and Minnie M. They are all graduates of the high school and the eldest and youngest are now at home, but the second daughter is attending college in Des Moines.

They attend the services of the Baptist church, and Mr. Tellgren always supports the candidates and measures of the republican party. He takes an active interest in all municipal matters and at the present time is a member of the board of aldermen. The family is highly regarded in Kiron, figuring prominently in all of the social activities.

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### THOMAS MICHAELSEN.

Thomas Michaelsen, who is prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Hanover township, having a homestead there consisting of two hundred and forty acres, all under a high state of cultivation, was born in Germany on the 5th of January, 1870. His parents, C. H. and Katrina (Hansen) Michaelson, were also natives of the fatherland, in which country they were married, but emigrated to the United States with their family in 1883. Landing in New York they immediately made their way westward and located in Crawford county, Iowa, very soon thereafter buying one hundred and sixty acres of land, which they cultivated for thirteen years. In 1896 they sold this and removed to Arion, Iowa, settling on two hundred acres, which Mr. Michaelsen owned and continued to operate until 1903. They then migrated to Oklahoma, where he is interested in several banks, and are now residents of Wheatland, that state. Mr. and Mrs. Michaelsen are the parents of the following children: Henry, living in Canadian county, Oklahoma; Thomas, our subject; Johannes, who resides in Missouri; H. F., also of Oklahoma; and Margaret, who is still at home.

Thomas Michaelsen acquired his education in the common schools of Crawford county and after laying aside his text-books he worked for his father until he had attained his majority and then began farming as a renter, which he continued for four years. During this period he had by careful planning, economy and industry managed to save the required capital necessary to purchase land and invested in two hundred acres in Hanover township. He cultivated this for eleven years and then traded for two hundred and forty acres in Otter Creek and Morgan townships, and after owning this for a short time he again traded for land in Hanover township. At the end of three years he sold that place and moved to Oklahoma, where he resided until 1906, at which time he returned to Iowa. He is now living on two hundred and forty acres of land on section 1, Hanover township. One hundred and sixty acres of his homestead is the land which his father bought when he first came to Iowa. Here he engages in general farming and stock-raising but makes a specialty of feeding and shipping cattle to the market. He is an indefatigable worker, but his persistence and thrift have been rewarded by more than moderate success, and although still in his prime, Mr. Michaelsen is rated as one of the substantial agriculturists in his township, as in addition to his well improved and highly cultivated homestead, he owns two hundred and forty acres of good land in Oklahoma.

The marriage of Mr. Michaelsen and Miss Mary Sievers occurred on the 28th of January, 1891. She was born in Scott county, Iowa, and is a daughter of John and Anna (Hansen) Sievers, natives of Germany, who came to the United States in 1867 and first located in Davenport, this state, where they lived for five years. In 1872 they bought a farm in Crawford county for five dollars per acre and after cultivating it for fifteen years they retired and removed to Denison, where they continued to reside until their death. The mother passed away in 1898, and the father in 1900. Mrs. Michaelsen was the only child born of this union.

Mr. and Mrs. Michaelsen have become the parents of the following children: Herbert H., who was born on the 28th of September, 1892, and is attending college at Denison; Ehrhardt J., born on the 11th of February, 1894, also attending college; Robert N., born on the 27th of September, 1895, attending the German school; Alwin W., born on the 15th of April, 1897, going to school; Victor S., born on the 7th of November, 1898; Zuehla A. C., born on the 24th of September, 1900; Leonhardt, born on the 13th of April, 1902; the seventh child who died in infancy; Hortense J. M., born on the 30th of April, 1908; and Walter T., born on the 4th of June, 1910.

The family always attend the services of the Lutheran church, with which denomination the parents are affiliated by membership. Ever since acquiring the right of suffrage Mr. Michaelsen has given his support to the democratic party, considering that its policy is best adapted to protect the interests of the agriculturist. He has always taken an active part in local politics and his party fealty has been rewarded by his election to various offices. He served as constable for one term, was assessor for five years and was a member of the board of school directors for seven years. He is highly regarded in his community, where he is considered to be a man of high principles and sound integrity.

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#### MICHAEL J. MONAGHAN.

There is no doubt that young men have been coming more rapidly to the front during the past quarter of a century than ever before, and also that they have been in many instances highly successful. They are to be met with in the professions and in all lines of business, and many of them have shown a clearness in judgment and a capability in management of important affairs that are truly gratifying. Among the young men of Crawford county who are taking an active part in public affairs is Michael J. Monaghan, editor and proprietor of the Observer at Vail. He is a native of Vail, born May 12, 1887, and a son of Michael J. and Mary A. Monaghan.

He was reared under the favoring conditions of a peaceable home and received his education at St. Ann's Academy at Vail, graduating from that institution in 1904 as valedictorian of his class. After leaving school he entered the Observer office and learned the printer's trade, continuing there for three years. He then worked for two years in Indiana, after which he returned to Vail and purchased the Observer from C. C. Vail.

Mr. Monaghan is an earnest friend of education and fills the position of secretary of the independent school district. Fraternally, he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Brotherhood of American Yeoman at Vail. He made an excellent start in life by graduating at the head of his class at school and the expectations of his friends have not been disappointed. Having thoroughly prepared himself for newspaper work by learning the printer's trade, he is now, as editor and manager of a paper, in a position to do effective service in the interest of the community. Under his management the paper has made commendable progress and is today one of the influential publications of this section.

Industrious, enterprising and ambitious to attain an honorable place in life, Mr. Monaghan in the estimation of his friends is certain to win the favors of fortune, and ranks as one of the highly prominent young men of the community.

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### JOHN THOMAS HAUGH.

One of the energetic and highly capable business men of Denison is John Thomas Haugh, who for twenty-seven years has been connected with the clothing business of this city. He is a native of Davenport, Iowa, born October 12, 1854, and is a son of Mark and Margaret (Rasp) Haugh, the former born in Ireland and the latter in Canada. The father emigrated from the Emerald isle to Canada and engaged in lumbering, coming to the United States in 1848. After living for a short time in Chicago he removed to Davenport, Iowa, where he followed various pursuits and became a farmer in the vicinity of that city. He passed away in 1862 at the age of forty-eight years, but his wife is still living and has made her home in Denison since 1882. Michael Haugh, the paternal grandfather of our subject, lived to be ninety-five years old and spent his last years in Scott county, Iowa. His children were Mark, Martin and John. The maternal grandfather, John Rasp, settled with his family on a farm in Scott county, Iowa, and had eight children, namely: Michael, Margaret, Mary, Ellen, Eliza, John, Thomas and Bridget. There were five children in the family of Mark and Margaret Haugh, three of whom are now living, namely: John Thomas, the subject of this review; Mary L., the wife of Patrick Meade, of Crawford county; and Bridget, now Mrs. Thomas Clarke, of Denison.

John Thomas Haugh was reared upon his father's farm in Scott county, Iowa, and received his education in the district schools and at St. Anthony's parochial school in Davenport. He came to Crawford county in 1882, and in order to get a start in life worked at anything he could find to do. In 1884 he entered the employ of M. Goldheim, clothier, and four years later purchased an interest in the store. In 1892 Mr. Goldheim having died, the business was continued under the name of Haugh & Kemming, but in 1900 the firm was dissolved, and in April, 1901, Mr. Haugh became associated with F. W. Brummer, and the business has since been carried forward under title of Haugh & Brummer. It is now one of the most prosperous concerns of the kind in this part of the state.



On the 6th of May, 1891, Mr. Haugh was united in marriage to Miss Mary Farrelly, a native of Ireland, and a sister of Rev. Father Farrelly of Denison. One daughter, Marguerite, has blessed this union. Mr. Haugh and his estimable wife were both reared in the faith of the Catholic church and are consistent members of that organization. Socially, he is one of the well known men of the community, being a member of Charles Carroll Council, No. 780, Knights of Columbus. Politically, he gives his support to the democratic party, and although his attention is mainly devoted to his business he is at the present time serving acceptably as member of the city council. It is safe to say that no citizen stands higher in the estimation of the people of Denison and vicinity than the gentleman whose sketch is herewith presented.

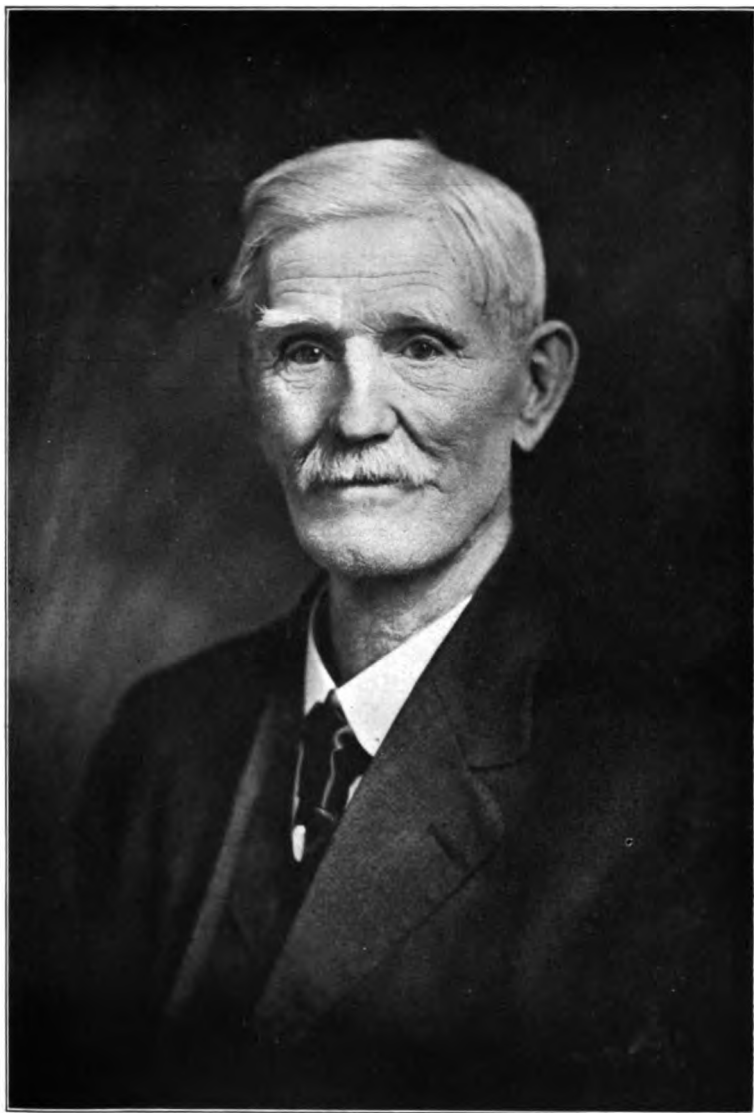
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### SAMUEL B. SMYTH.

The rich agricultural resources of Crawford county afforded Samuel B. Smyth an excellent opportunity for the exercise of his talents, and he is now living in honorable retirement in Denison after many years of active labor, during which he became known as one of the leading farmers of the county. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in a town called White Abbey, July 29, 1829, and is a son of Samuel and Jane (Baxter) Smyth, both of whom were born of Scotch parents in Scotland. The father, who was a farmer in Ireland, died in that country, and the mother subsequently came to America with her sons and passed away in Livingston county, Illinois, in 1865, at eighty years of age. She and her husband were members of the Presbyterian church. There were four children in their family, namely: Jane, Mary, James and Samuel B. Jane married a Mr. Blair and died in Ireland. Mary, the second in order of birth, became the wife of Thomas Luney and they later emigrated to this country, where they took up their permanent abode. James also cast his lot with the new world.

Samuel B. Smyth was reared in his native land as a farmer boy and received his early education in the common schools. He learned the machinist's trade at Belfast and worked there for several years. In 1851, in company with his mother and his brother James, he crossed the ocean and they resided for two years at St. Charles, Kane county, Illinois, then moving to a farm near Pontiac, Livingston county, that state. In 1865 he and his brother settled upon a farm about a mile and a half east of Denison, Iowa, where they acquired two hundred acres of land, which they cultivated to good advantage, purchasing more land as their resources increased until they owned a farm of four hundred acres. They remained together until the death of the brother, which occurred July 4, 1903, he having then arrived at the age of eighty-one years. They held their property in common and were highly successful in their business affairs. Samuel B. Smyth still owns the beautiful home farm of four hundred acres and also three hundred acres in Stutsman county, North Dakota, near Medina.

In 1864 he was married to Miss Martha Rollins, a sister of James Rollins, of East Boyer township. The beloved wife passed away in 1890. She was a



**SAMUEL B. SMYTH**



member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Smyth is now eighty-two years of age and looks back on a long life of usefulness, nearly sixty years of which have been passed in America. He is a sincere believer in the Bible and is a member of the Presbyterian church, whose teachings he regards as a true interpretation of the doctrines of the New Testament. Politically, he has given his support to the republican party ever since he arrived in America, but he has never aspired to the honors of office, preferring to devote his energies to business affairs. Although well advanced in years he is active in mind and body and reads without glasses. He has been through life a close reader and observer and has derived great pleasure from communion on the printed page with master thinkers of all the ages. As a patriotic and representative citizen he is greatly respected by all who know him.

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### MATHIAS HUGG.

Mathias Hugg is a native of Alsace, France, which used to be known as the Garden of France, but since 1871 it has belonged to Germany. He was born March 5, 1850, a son of Mathias and Marie Salome (Oberlin) Hugg, both of whom were also natives of France. The father was of Swiss extraction, while the mother was of German descent. Mathias Hugg, Sr., was a weaver by trade and came to the United States in 1865, sailing from Havre to America and locating in Lake county, Illinois, where he resided for thirteen years. In 1878 he came to Crawford county, Iowa, making his residence at Coon Grove, in Washington township. There he bought land and resided until his death in 1891 at the age of seventy-four years. In politics he was a republican, and in his religion was a member of the Evangelical church. Two children were born to him, of whom one is the subject of this sketch, and the other is George, at present a farmer living near Platt, South Dakota.

Mr. Hugg of this review obtained his early education in both the French and German public schools, which he supplemented by a course in the schools of this country. He remained at home until thirty-one years old, when he rented a part of his father's farm, upon which he resided until 1869. In the meantime he had become owner of that farm, which he subsequently rented, while he removed to his present location, where he had previously bought one hundred and twenty acres. In November, 1910, he sold forty acres of his property and at present engages in general farming and stock-raising on the remainder.

In 1882 Mr. Hugg was united in marriage to Miss Anna Marie Schwartz, who was born in the same locality as her husband. Her parents were Jacob and Anna Marie (Hild) Schwartz. Her father died in Alsace, where her mother is still living. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz, as follows: Anna Marie, the wife of our subject; Catherine, who held a position as a school teacher in Ostheim, Alsace, for thirty-two years, being subsequently retired on a pension; and Madelaine, who is now residing in Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugg are the parents of five children, namely: Emil M. is a clerk in the Crawford County Bank. George Walter is a farmer and stock-

raiser in Oacoma, Lyman county, South Dakota. He married Miss Lillie Paulsen and they have one child, Fernetta Marie. Martha Marie is living at home. Esther Salome and Susana C. are both deceased.

In politics Mr. Hugg is a republican and is serving as one of the township trustees, to which office he was elected for a third term. He has been school director in Washington township and has held the same office for two terms in Denison township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hugg are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### RALPH OTIS McCONNAUGHEY, D. D. S.

For seven years Dr. Ralph Otis McConnaughey has practiced dentistry at Denison and has attained a measure of success which indicates that he has a thorough knowledge of his profession. He is a gentleman of pleasing address who keeps fully up-to-date in his calling and numbers among his patrons many of the leading families of this part of the state.

He was born in Washington county, Iowa, July 23, 1878, his parents being John T. and Lucetta (Mills) McConnaughey, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of the Western Reserve of Ohio. The father, who was reared as a farmer at Bedford, Pennsylvania, came to Iowa about 1850 and settled in Washington county. He passed away in 1900, at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife is now living at Benzonia, Michigan, and is a member of the Congregational church, as was also her husband. He was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting at nineteen on the 28th of July, 1861, in Company E, Seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was transferred August 2, 1861, to Company H of the same regiment and was appointed musician June 12, 1861. On January 1, 1864, he reenlisted as a veteran and was promoted to the position of principal musician of the regiment September 10 following. He was wounded in the right leg March 21, 1865, at the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, and was mustered out of service August 7, 1865, at New York city. He was a gallant soldier and as a private citizen was greatly respected by all who knew him.

David P. McConnaughey, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Pennsylvania and was of Scotch-Irish descent. He learned the hatter's trade and became a manufacturer of hats, but in 1850 was attracted to the west and located in Washington county, Iowa, where he purchased land from the government. He died at the age of ninety-four years. The maiden name of his wife was Catharine Thompson and she was the mother of eight children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were Samuel, David, Jr., Alexander, William, John, Emily and Elizabeth. The maternal grandfather, Manning Mills, was a native of Ohio. He also settled in Washington county, Iowa, and lived upon his farm to an advanced age. He had seven children: Harlow, Ernst, Jay, Lucetta, Isabel, Myra and Effie.

There were five children in the family of John T. and Lucetta McConnaughey, namely: Ralph Otis, of this review; Harlow Alexander, now a resident of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Grace Elizabeth, a missionary in China; John, who died at the age of eleven years; and William, who died in infancy.

Ralph O. McConnaughey was reared on the farm of his father in Washington county and gained his early education in the district schools, later attending the high schools at West Chester and Grinnell, Iowa. After working for several years at Dixon, Illinois, he decided to devote his attention to dentistry and entered the dental college of the State University at Iowa City, graduating with the degree of D. D. S. in 1904. He has since successfully engaged in practice at Denison.

On the 2d of October, 1907, Dr. McConnaughey was united in marriage at Denison to Miss Allie Sewell, a daughter of Luman and Ella (Wieting) Sewell, and by this union one child, John Sewell, has been born.

The success of Dr. McConnaughey is due to his conscientious application and a natural adaptability to a profession which is both an art and a science and required a highly trained hand and an intelligent mind, both of which are happily possessed by the subject of this review. He is a prominent worker in fraternal orders, being a member of Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M.; Dowdall Lodge, No. 90, K. P.; and also of the Sons of Veterans. He and his wife are identified with the Presbyterian church. Politically he gives his support to the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of public office have never appealed to him, as his interests are concentrated upon his profession.

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#### HERMAN H. OTTO.

Coming from Germany with his parents when but six years old, Herman H. Otto, the subject of this sketch, has attained the position in life of a substantial farmer and influential citizen of Crawford county, and he has made an unqualified success in agricultural pursuits. He was born September 20, 1866, a son of Henry and Louisa (Winterfeldt) Otto, both of whom are natives of Germany. They came to the United States in 1872, locating in Rock Island county, Illinois, where they resided until 1883, when they removed to Crawford county, Iowa. They settled in Goodrich township and continued to live there until 1903, in which year they took up their residence in Denison, where the father still makes his home. The mother departed this life in 1906. They were the parents of three children, namely: Herman H.; Henry, who lives on the home farm in Goodrich township; and Anna, who is the wife of Fred Lenz, of Monona county, Iowa.

Herman H. Otto received his education in the common schools of Rock Island county, Illinois, later coming to Crawford county with his parents. He remained with them until he was twenty-four years of age, then started to farm on his own account in Goodrich township, later moving to Paradise township, and subsequently coming to Denison township, where he took up a farm which is now within the city limits. In 1900 he removed to his present location and has greatly enhanced its value by making many modern improvements. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres of land, in addition to which he operates eighty acres of land adjoining his farm.

In 1891 Mr. Otto was married to Miss Mary Holtman, a resident of Crawford county, who passed away in 1910. To this couple the following four children were born: Selma, Fred, Hattie and Marie, all of whom are living at home. In politics Mr. Otto is a democrat and has taken an active interest in his party. He has served as trustee of Denison township for seven years and is now president of the board. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and is in every respect a highly esteemed citizen of Crawford county.

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#### H. C. MARTINS.

Some men are born with an unalterable ambition that carries them above discouragement and nothing but death can prevent them from accomplishing what they start out to do. Such a man is H. C. Martins, of West Side, who began life for himself when fifteen years of age with seven dollars and a half in his pocket and nothing else to depend upon but his own strong arms and an unflinching courage. He is now a flourishing business man on the high road to prosperity.

He was born in Germany, February 6, 1861, a son of John and Margaret (Hansen) Martins both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America in 1865 and took up their residence at Wheatland, Clinton county, Iowa. The mother passed away three weeks after her arrival in this country. The father continued at Wheatland for seven years and then rented a farm near Lost Nation in Clinton county, which he cultivated for nine years. In 1880 he removed to Crawford county, where he remained until his death in 1893. There were four children in the family, namely: Peter J., a farmer now living retired at West Side; Anna, the wife of Claus Benning, of Clinton county, Iowa; Henry, living at Council Bluffs; and H. C., our subject.

Arriving in America with his parents at four years of age, Mr. Martins of this review continued with his father until fifteen years of age and early became acquainted with the various details pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. He had but limited advantages of education in the district school and even as a boy began working as a farm hand, at which occupation he continued for ten years. Being attracted to mercantile pursuits, he entered the hardware business at West Side and is now senior member of the firm of Evers & Martins, dealers in hardware, furniture and implements, and also engaged in the undertaking business. Mr. Martins owns the building in which the store is located and a comfortable residence in West Side and is also interested in a lumberyard at this place. He has good natural ability, discernment and practical experience with men and affairs, so that he is well qualified for the position he occupies as a capable and progressive business man.

On the 12th of December, 1885, Mr. Martins was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Jahn, who was born in Germany in 1868, a daughter of J. F. and Kathrina Jahn. Her parents came to this country and both are now deceased. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Martins, namely: Jessie, who graduated from the West Side high school and also took a course in college;

Elmer J., also a graduate of the high school and of Boyles' Business College, of Omaha; Cora, now a student in the high school; and Grace, still in the graded school.

Mr. Martins and his wife are both consistent members of the German Lutheran church and have many warm personal friends in that organization. Politically he affiliates with the republican party, believing that its principles are best adapted to enhance the permanent interests of the country, and although he has never been an aspirant for public office he has served with marked ability for twenty-one years as a member of the village council. He has a genial disposition and readily makes friends wherever he is known. He is also industrious, enterprising and quick to take advantage of circumstances leading to success. A man of genuine worth, he is recognized as a substantial citizen who would reflect credit upon any community.

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#### EDWARD E. CLAUSON.

Prominent among the business men of Kiron and vicinity is Edward E. Clauson, a member of the firm of Clauson Brothers, for the last eight or nine years a flourishing concern of Crawford county. He was born in this county, February 8, 1871, a son of C. F. and Katherine (Johnson) Clauson, both natives of Sweden. They came to America in 1865 and located on a farm in Stockholm township, which became the family homestead. The mother passed away about 1890, but the father is now living at his old home and has arrived at the age of seventy years. Fourteen children were born to them, five of whom still survive, namely: Alfred J., William C., Edward E., Otto E. and Eda C., now Mrs. Edward Anderson. All reside in Crawford county.

Edward E. Clauson was reared under the protecting influence of a good home and received his early education in the district schools. He assisted his father in farm work until twenty years of age and then, being attracted to mercantile pursuits, entered the employ of N. L. Hunts, the owner of a general store at Deloit, where he continued for four years, also filling the position of assistant postmaster. He next came to Old Kiron and clerked in a store for two years, also filling the position of postmaster in this town about ten years. In 1902 he moved to new Kiron and has since been engaged in the furniture and undertaking business under the title of Clauson Brothers and has served for six years as postmaster. He is a man who possesses a variety of talents and as an auctioneer he has gained an enviable reputation in this section. He is thoroughly wide-awake and energetic, and as he has the confidence of the community his efforts are yielding handsome returns.

In February, 1901, Mr. Clauson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Lundberg, who was born in Sac county, Iowa, a daughter of Axtel and Matilda Lundberg, both of whom are natives of Sweden. They came to America in the '60s and located in Sac county, where they now reside. There were nine children in their family, all of whom are still living. Four children came to bless the



union of Mr. and Mrs. Clauson, namely: Raymond B., Bernice O., Newell F. and Ralph C.

Mr. and Mrs. Clauson are both earnest members of the Free Mission church, in which he takes an active interest and served for eleven years as superintendent of the Sunday school, being now treasurer of the same organization. Politically he gives his support to the republican party, and although he has not urged claims for office, he was the first treasurer of Kiron. The excellent business ability of Mr. Clauson is exemplified in the prosperity of the firm with which he is connected, and his reliability is beyond question. His life has been characterized by principles of industry and justice which are recognized the world over as of enduring worth.

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#### GUSTAV RABE.

The owner of four farms, one of them consisting of five hundred and seventy acres of well improved land in Crawford county and the head of a family of eighteen children now living, Gustav Rabe may be justly regarded as a remarkable man. He has won his way to fortune assisted by his estimable wife, who has indeed been to him a true companion and to her children a wise and loving mother. Mr. Rabe was born at Vor, Pommern, Germany, June 1, 1850, a son of Johann and Mary Rabe. The parents were also natives of Germany and the mother died in the old country in 1857. In 1882 the father came to America and spent the remainder of his days with his son Gustav. There were five children in the family, two of whom are now living: Frederick, of South Dakota; and Gustav, of this review.

Gustav Rabe received his education in his native land and in 1869, being then nineteen years of age, he came to America and began work in a lumberyard in Chicago. He started at the bottom of the ladder but applied himself with such diligence to his work that he was promoted to various positions, becoming foreman and salesman in the yard. He continued with his employers for ten years, in the meantime, however, preparing to start in business independently. In 1879 he came to Crawford county, Iowa, and took up his home on one hundred and ten acres of land in Morgan township, which he had bought four years previously. He has ever since continued on this place and has conducted his affairs with such ability and clear judgment that he now owns eleven hundred and seventy acres of land, which is divided into four farms. The homestead consists of five hundred and seventy acres and is very highly improved. He has four hundred acres in Monona county, Iowa, and two hundred acres of good land in Knox county, Nebraska. He is a large raiser of grain and also an extensive feeder of cattle and hogs. In addition to his agricultural interests he is a stockholder and vice president of the German Savings Bank of Ricketts, Iowa.

In 1875 Mr. Rabe was united in marriage to Miss Frederica Fischer, who was born in Germany, May 2, 1859, a daughter of Johan and Sophia Fischer. Her parents were both natives of Germany. They came to America in 1869

and took up their residence in Chicago, Illinois. The father died four years later. In 1879 the mother came to Crawford county and made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Rabe during the remainder of her life. There were two children in her family: Frederica, and John, who is engaged in farming in Hanover township, Crawford county.

Nineteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rabe, all of whom survive except the youngest, Sophia, who died in infancy. Those now living are: Gustave J., born December 1, 1876, who is married and occupies a part of his father's farm; Martha, born August 3, 1878, and is the wife of Fred Gierstorf, a farmer of Crawford county; Louisa, who was born October 2, 1880, and married Henry L. Mueller, proprietor of a barber shop in Chicago; John B., born March 3, 1882; Caroline, born October 18, 1883; William, born July 11, 1885; Bertha, born October 11, 1886, who lives with her sister in Chicago and is engaged in dressmaking; Anna, born August 19, 1888; Emma, born January 29, 1890, who has a high-school education, passing as the best penman in Crawford county; Albert, born May 11, 1891; Bernhard, born January 21, 1893; Freda, born December 24, 1894; Matilda, born April 28, 1896; Walter and Paulina, twins, born February 18, 1898; Gertrude, born September 24, 1901; Henry, born December 7, 1903; and Theodore, born November 26, 1905. Thirteen of the children are still living at home. The parents have given their children good opportunities of education and training. They have been reared to systematic habits of industry and all who have arrived at the age of discretion have shown themselves to be useful and honorable members of society. It is doubtful whether a similar record of such a large family can be presented in Iowa or any other state of the Union.

Mr. Rabe and his family are sincere believers in the Bible and all are identified with the German Lutheran church. Politically he is in thorough sympathy with the republican party and he has found time to serve as member of the school board and also for six years as township clerk. The success he has attained has been due to untiring diligence and a capacity in management not possessed by ordinary men. He has set a worthy example to his children and in all relations with his fellowmen has ever attempted to perform his duty. It would be difficult indeed to find a more capable or patriotic citizen in Crawford county than the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch.

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#### PETER JOHANNSEN.

Peter Johannsen, who by his early industry has earned the privilege of retiring from the active labors of life, was born November 24, 1848, a son of Peter and Christine (Walter) Johannsen who were natives of Germany, in which country all their children were born, six in number, of whom but three now survive, namely: Mary, the wife of Henry Boyse, living in Hanover township, Crawford county; Peter, of this review; and Hans, who resides in Denison. The parents spent their entire lives in the fatherland, the father dying

when about seventy-six years old, and the mother passing away at about the same age.

Peter Johannsen of this review emigrated to the United States April 11, 1868, first locating in Chicago, where he worked in a lumberyard for a short period and then went to Lyons, Iowa, and was employed on a farm for two years. He subsequently moved to Clinton, Iowa, and worked in a sawmill until 1877. In that year he came to Crawford county and purchased eighty acres of prairie land, which he broke and cultivated and to which he added from time to time until his possessions now aggregate one thousand acres. Here he continued the pursuit of agriculture until he had acquired a comfortable competence, when he rented the property to his sons and retired to enjoy a well earned rest, and at present is residing in his beautiful home in Schleswig, Iowa.

In 1871 Mr. Johannsen was united in marriage to Gyde, the only daughter of Nise and Christina (Hansen) Hansen, and to them ten children have been born, of whom the following are living: Peter and John, who operate the homestead in Crawford county; Hans who lives in Ida county; Christina, who became the wife of Charles Tamm and makes her home in Crawford county; Mary, the wife of Edward Tamm, of this county; and Annie, who married Carl Loose and resides in Crawford county. The two first born and William and Clara, all died in infancy.

Mr. Johannsen has always given his loyal support to the democratic party and during his residence in Crawford has held several township offices. In his religious views he has ever been a consistent Lutheran. Possessing the sterling characteristics of the German race, he early developed all the attributes that make the successful man and has also gained an honored name in the land of his adoption, being regarded as one of the public-spirited and worthy citizens of Crawford county.

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### JAMES ROLLINS.

James Rollins a well known farmer and stockman of East Boyer township, is the owner of three hundred and sixty-three acres of rich and productive land. His birth occurred near Belfast, Ireland, on the 13th of July, 1834, his parents being William and Jane (White) Rollins, who spent their entire lives on the Emerald isle. The father, a farmer by occupation, was an elder in the Presbyterian church. Our subject is the only surviving member of a family of five children, the others being William G., Martha, John and Robert.

James Rollins was reared on the home farm and attended the public schools until twenty years of age. In 1854 he came to the United States on a sailing vessel and took up his abode near Pontiac, Illinois, where he was engaged in general agricultural pursuits until 1862. In that year he enlisted for service in the Union army, joining Company M, First Illinois Light Artillery, and remaining with that command until honorably discharged at Chicago on the 24th of July, 1865. As a private he participated in the following engagements: Green River Bridge, Columbia, Campbellsville, Muldraugh's Hill, Lebanon, Franklin, Triune,



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Chattanooga, Ringgold, Pea Pine Creek, Chickamauga, Ringgold Gap, Stone Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Strawberry Plains, Loudon, Tiger Creek, Rockyface Ridge, Rockyface Gap, Resaca, Etowah River, Barrett's Mills, Euhalle River, Widow Jackson's, Coosa River, Adairsville, Kingston, New Hope Church, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Dallas, Ackworth, Lost Mountain, Pine Mountain, Big Shanty, Kenesaw Mountain, Marietta, Chattahoochee River, Buckhead, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta (the battles of July 22d, July 28th and also the siege of that city), Stone Mountain, Jonesboro and Lovejoy. After the last named skirmish Mr. Rollins did garrison duty until discharged. At Chickamauga his horse was shot from under him in the midst of battle but he always fortunately escaped injury and was never in a hospital during the entire period of his enlistment. He was under fire for one hundred and seventy-eight days and traveled three thousand one hundred and two miles. When hostilities had ceased he came to Denison, Iowa, in August, 1865, and subsequently purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 17 and 18, East Boyer township. The following year he began making improvements, first erecting a frame house, sixteen by twenty-two feet, which he later replaced by a fine residence which is still standing. He now owns three hundred and sixty-three acres of valuable land and in connection with the tilling of the soil devotes considerable attention to stock, breeding polled Durham cattle, Poland China hogs and also raising fine horses. In addition to his agricultural interests he acted as agent for the Kiron Insurance Company for four or five years. He is likewise interested in real estate at Denison and has long been numbered among the prosperous and representative citizens of Crawford county.

On the 7th of October, 1869, Mr. Rollins was united in marriage to Miss Emma Coleman, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and a daughter of Spencer and Elizabeth (Crocker) Coleman. The father was likewise born in the Buckeye state, while the mother's birth occurred in Germany. Spencer Coleman, who was a shoemaker by trade, came to Iowa about 1870, locating near Cedar Rapids, where he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. Subsequently he purchased a farm in Missouri, making his home in that state until called to his final rest in 1895. He was twice married, his first wife passing away when their only child, Emma, was but two years of age. For his second wife he chose Miss Malinda Carnes, by whom he had three children, as follows: Sarah, the wife of Wallace Carnes, of Missouri; Arthur, who is deceased; and Nettie, the wife of Alvin Colliss Senter, of Greene county, Iowa. Mrs. Malinda Coleman, the mother of the above children, died in 1897. Unto our subject and his wife have been born eight children, namely: William C., who wedded Theresa Nyers, of Denison, Iowa, by whom he has one child, Lucille; one who died in infancy; Frank S., a cement contractor of Denison, Iowa; Jennie, at home; John, engaged in the real-estate business at Denison, who married Miss Susie McCutcheon, by whom he has two children, Leslie and Irene; Lizzie, the wife of William Robertson, a railroad man of Des Moines, by whom she has one child, James; James A., who wedded Kate Davis and is now a widower with two children, Ruby and Ruth; and Robert E., still at home.

Mr. Rollins is a republican in politics and has been called to fill a number of local offices. He has served in the capacity of township trustee, was also town-

ship clerk for two terms and acted as a school director for nine years. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, to which his wife and children belong. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in John A. Logan Post, G. A. R., and in days of peace has ever been as loyal to the interests of his adopted country as when he followed the old flag upon southern battlefields. He has now passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey and receives the respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

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### CARL HARTWIG.

Some men are born with a capacity that makes it comparatively easy for them to accomplish what to others would appear almost impossible. They possess an ambition that urges them forward to greater effort from year to year and they have a self-confidence not known to many of their fellows. Carl Hartwig, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, was endowed with unusual business talents and beginning empty-handed in a strange country he won a fortune. He is now living retired at Denison and is one of the highly respected citizens of Crawford county.

He was born in Hanover, Germany, December 7, 1846, a son of Frederick and Dora Hartwig, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was a farmer and also conducted a grocery store in Hanover. He and his wife both lived to be sixty years old and were faithful members of the Lutheran church. In their family were nine children, namely: Ernst, deceased; Marie, the widow of Henry Bierman, of Denison; Frederick, now living in Germany; Louise and Henry, deceased; Carl, of this review; Herman, now living at Kendall, New York; George, of Rockville, Connecticut; and Anna, widow of William Eigendrauch, of Germany.

Carl Hartwig was reared and educated in the village of Hemsén, Hanover, Germany, and after laying his books aside learned the watchmaker's trade, which later he found his health would not permit him to follow. In 1868, being then twenty-two years of age and desirous of securing the best advantages to be found anywhere in the world, he emigrated to America and began his contest with fortune as a farm laborer in Niagara county, New York. After several years he returned to his old home to visit his mother and other members of the family, and then in 1873 once more set his face westward, coming to Crawford county, Iowa. After renting land in Goodrich township for five years, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres, and as time passed he increased his possessions until he now owns eight hundred and eighty acres of good Crawford county land, which he has improved and made very valuable. In 1898 he removed to a beautiful home which he erected in Denison, and he has since made his residence in this city.

On the 28th of February, 1875, Mr. Hartwig was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Busche, who was born in Anderton, Hanover, Germany, December

18, 1853. She is one of a family of six children, as follows: Sophia, Louisa, Katharina, Henry, Ernst, and Marie. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hartwig, namely: Herman, Carl, Otto and Frederick, all of whom are deceased; Henry, who married Linda Knapp and is now living at home; and Lena, also living at home. Herman married Martha Schug and left one daughter, Florence.

Mr. Hartwig owes his gratifying success to an unconquerable spirit which never yielded to disappointment, and he became one of the prosperous and progressive farmers and stock-raisers of the county. He is a man who inspires respect and who possesses the good-will of all with whom he comes into contact. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church. Politically he gives his support to the republican party. He served as school director for a number of years and is now a member of the board of directors of the German school at Denison.

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#### W. B. McDONALD.

The adversities of life are what develop the potential qualities in a man's character, and that W. B. McDonald has met and overcome the obstacles that beset his path during his early career demonstrates the fact that he possesses those elements that make for success. Born in Cattaraugus county, New York, March 6, 1860, he is a son of John and Mary Elizabeth (West) McDonald. The father died when the subject of this review was quite young and the record of his birth has been lost. There were three children in the family, of whom two survive: W. B., and Euphemia, who became the wife of E. E. Newkirk and lives in Kenwood, Iowa.

When but six years old W. B. McDonald left New York state and went to Richland county, Wisconsin, where he remained until 1869, and in that year came to Iowa, locating in Cedar county, where he sought such education as was afforded in the public schools near Stanwood. In the fall of 1879 he removed to a farm near Glidden, Carroll county, and remained there for three or four years. He then came to Crawford county and lived in Boyer township for two years, at the expiration of which time he took up his residence in Union township and has since continued to make that his home. In 1906 he purchased a tract of improved land on sections 32 and 33 from Reuben Vore, who had moved on it in the early '50s, and a year later Mr. McDonald took possession of his property, to which he has gradually made additions until now he owns two hundred and eighty acres of the best farming land in Iowa and here follows general farming, besides handling blooded stock.

The marriage of Mr. McDonald took place March 20, 1886, when he was united to Miss Sarah Ellen Langley, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, a daughter of G. W. and Nancy J. (Gearheart) Langley, both natives of Ohio. Her father was a carpenter by trade and moved west when she was a young girl, locating in Story county, Iowa. In 1880 he came to Crawford county, resided for some time in Dunlap and subsequently bought a farm in Boyer town-



ship. Both he and his wife are still living and make their home in Dow City. Unto them seven children were born, namely: Margaret Elizabeth, who is the wife of Charles Rasmussen and lives in Ainsworth, Nebraska; Walter and Jay, also of Ainsworth, Nebraska; Sarah Ellen; Clement, of Enders Lake, Nebraska; Ethel, who is the wife of Frank Bennall, residing in Union township; and Bes-sie, who married George Bennall and makes their home in Dow City.

Mrs. McDonald's elementary education was obtained in the public schools of Story county and Dunlap, supplemented by a course in a high school, and by the knowledge thus acquired she was enabled to become a teacher, which vocation she followed for three years, one term of which was spent in Boyer township and the remainder of the time in Willow township. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald are the parents of three children: Nellie, who is the wife of Fred Wiley and resides in Union township; Ward and Carl Frederick, who are at home.

Mr. McDonald's political allegiance is given to the democratic party and fraternally he is a member of the Yeoman, of Dow City. His wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. His record goes to show what may be accomplished by one who starts out in the world empty-handed if he has the determination and energy to apply to a high purpose.

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#### RAYMOND E. VAUGHAN.

Although he has been at the head of the newspaper less than two years, Raymond E. Vaughan has made an admirable impression on the readers of the Schleswig Leader, and gives promise of attaining marked success in the field of journalism. He was thoroughly prepared for such a responsibility, and as he is greatly interested in his work, it is hardly possible that his hopes will be disappointed.

A native of Jasper, Minnesota, he was born January 20, 1890, a son of L. M. and Anna (York) Vaughan. The father was born in Ohio and the mother in Grant county, Wisconsin. They were married in Wisconsin and the mother is now deceased, having passed away August 26, 1906. After his marriage L. M. Vaughan bought a farm in South Dakota, where he lived with his family for ten years, and then removed to Jasper, Minnesota, and conducted a livery establishment in that place for ten years. After selling out he operated an elevator for several years and now owns a farm of three hundred and fifty acres, principally pasture land, in the valley of the Wisconsin river, in Wisconsin. He devotes his attention principally to raising Holstein cattle and has attained an enviable reputation on account of the excellent judgment he has displayed in the management of this business. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Vaughan, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Harry L., of Watertown, South Dakota; Laura, who died at the age of fourteen; and Raymond E., of this review.

Raymond E. Vaughan received his preliminary education in the public schools and for two years was a student at high school. At fourteen years of age he entered the employ of the Rock Island Railway Company, with which

he continued for one year. Being attracted to the newspaper business, he began work in a printing office at Jasper, Minnesota, and later went to Wauzeka, Wisconsin, devoting four years to learning the printer's trade and gaining an insight into the details of newspaper management. In August, 1909, being then nineteen years of age and ambitious to make an honorable name for himself, he came to Schleswig and purchased the Schleswig Leader, of which he has since been editor and proprietor.

Politically Mr. Vaughan is not affiliated with any of the great party organizations, preferring to be independent and at liberty to exercise a perfectly free judgment in all matters pertaining to the public welfare. In religious faith he is a firm believer in the principles of Christianity and is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. His circle of friends is steadily increasing, and it would be difficult to find a young man in Crawford county who is starting in business life under more favorable conditions than the subject of this review.

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### JOHN N. DUFF.

A prosperous and enterprising farmer and stock-raiser of Denison township, Crawford county, Iowa, John N. Duff was born in Kane county, Illinois, December 17, 1860, a son of John and Sarah (Grey) Duff. The father was a native of Scotland, born in the Highlands, and came to the United States in 1840, locating in Kane county, Illinois, where he resided until his death in 1892. As a youth he was a sheep herder and followed the vocation of farming all his life. He was an intellectual man, very fond of reading and was well posted on all the current topics of the day. In politics he was a republican but notwithstanding this fact was a great admirer of President Cleveland. His wife was born in New York state and died in Kane county, Illinois. The final resting place of both parents is in Buena Vista cemetery. To them six children were born, as follows: Anna Eliza, the wife of W. C. Pollock, a resident of Denison township; Robert, who died when eight years old; Ellen, who lives with her brothers and sisters; Harriet, the wife of John H. Hall, of Shelby county, Iowa; John N., the subject of this sketch; and Lillie Jane, the wife of Lewis Lenze, of Kane county, Illinois.

John N. Duff obtained his education in the public schools of Kane county, where he remained with his parents until eighteen years of age, coming at that time to Crawford county and locating on a quarter section of land in Paradise township, which had been previously purchased by his father. Here he lived for six years, after which he rented land for five years in the same township, and then bought eighty acres in Washington township, continuing his residence there for fourteen years. In 1907 he removed to Denison township, where he has since lived, and is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of well improved land, on which he raises stock in connection with farming.

Mr. Duff was married December 13, 1886, to Miss Frances Elizabeth Blackman, who was born in Kane county, Illinois, a daughter of Jerome and Celia (Harper) Blackman. Her father is deceased and Mrs. Blackman makes her

home in Denison. To Mr. and Mrs. Duff have been born three children: Rosa Ella, who died in 1909, at the age of eighteen; John N., Jr., thirteen years old; and William Edward, deceased. In his political views Mr. Duff adheres to the republican party. While not affiliated with any special church, both Mr. and Mrs. Duff conduct their lives on sound religious principles.

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#### WINFIELD SCOTT MOORE.

An experience of twenty years at the bar has demonstrated the ability of Winfield Scott Moore, of Manilla, as an attorney of more than ordinary penetration and judgment and also as a man of unsullied character whose aim is to be guided by truth and justice. He is a native of Springfield, Missouri, born February 4, 1866, and traces his ancestry back to John Moore, a native of Ireland, who came to the new world in colonial days and settled in Virginia. He was in General Washington's regiment at Fort Duquesne and engaged in battle with the French and Indians when General Braddock was killed. His son, William Moore, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, in 1735, and became a member of the Virginia Militia, being with General Forbes in his campaign in 1758. He was a member of Colonel William Campbell's regiment in the Revolutionary war and engaged in the battle of King's Mountain. His son, William Moore, Jr., was born in Berkeley county, West Virginia, in 1759, and also participated in the Revolutionary war under Colonel John Sevier, commanding a Tennessee regiment. He also took part in the battle of King's Mountain.

Nathaniel Davis Moore, a son of William Moore, Jr., and the grandfather of our subject, was born in Greenville, Tennessee, October 10, 1790, and as a soldier served in Captain Dyke's company of Tennessee men under General Jackson at the battle of New Orleans in the war of 1812 and also at the noted engagement of Horseshoe Bend in Alabama. By occupation he was a farmer. He was one of a family of eight children, having three brothers and four sisters. He married Margaret Dyke, a native of Virginia, and they lived to the ages of seventy-seven and eighty-four years, respectively. In their family were also eight children, namely: Henry D., Nathaniel B., William, Christina, Penelope, Catharine, Louisa and Margaret.

William Moore, the father of our subject, was born in Monroe county, Tennessee, in 1830, and also made farming his life occupation. In 1851 he removed to Missouri and located near Springfield, but is now a resident of that city, having reached the ripe old age of eighty-one years. He was twice married, his first wife being Susan Christian, by whom he had three children: James I., now a resident of Pinehurst, Idaho; Lucinda J., the wife of W. W. Wheeler, of Springfield, Missouri; and Simeon C., also of Springfield. For his second wife the father married Mrs. Ruth Ann (Graham) Price, also a native of Tennessee, and the widow of John Price, by whom she had one son, Martin L. She departed this life January 7, 1897, at the age of fifty-eight years, ten months and three days. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church, as is also Mr. Moore. He was a stanch Union man during the Civil war and served for

fifteen months in the Federal army, being a member of Company H, Missouri State Militia Cavalry. By his second marriage he had four children, namely: Winfield Scott, of this review; Nathaniel D., of Springfield, Missouri; Susie M., wife of Rankin C. Stokes, of Carson, Iowa; and Rev. William G., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Le Mars, Iowa.

James Graham, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a farmer of Tennessee and died at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lucinda Wilson, died at the age of sixty-eight years. Their children were: Ruth Ann, Margaret L., William R., Sarah L., Caroline, Helen, James H., Richard and Josephine. James Graham was a son of Richard Graham, who came to this country from Scotland and settled in North Carolina, where he followed farming. He married Elizabeth Massey.

Winfield Scott Moore was reared at Springfield, Missouri, and educated in the common schools, receiving his college training in a southern Methodist school at Morrisville, Polk county, Missouri. He early became acquainted with farm work, laboring for one man for two years. Subsequently he taught school and at the same time studied law, having determined to devote his attention to that profession. He was admitted to the bar in Kansas in 1891, being then twenty-five years of age and began practice at Springfield, Missouri. Previously he had served as deputy county recorder of Polk county for three years, from 1887 to 1890, and from 1895 to 1897 he was clerk of the probate court at Springfield. In April, 1899, he removed to Oklahoma City and practiced law there for one year, then returning to Springfield. In March, 1902, he took up his residence at Salix, Iowa, where he practiced for two years, then settling at Manilla and engaging in his profession with such success that he soon became recognized as one of the prominent members of the Crawford county bar. In addition to his legal business he has devoted considerable attention to farming and is the owner of three hundred and forty acres of land in Meagher county, Montana.

On the 12th of October, 1898, Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Fanny Bigelow, who was born in Woodbury county, Iowa, November 16, 1876, a daughter of Ariel T. and Sarah (Beers) Bigelow. The father is a native of Maine and is now living near Salix, having arrived at the age of seventy-one years, his wife being sixty-six years of age. There were nine children in their family, namely: Mrs. Rosa L. Gibbs; Charles H.; Warren T.; Belle, wife of R. D. Markell; George F.; Fannie, now Mrs. Winfield Scott Moore; Laura K., wife of J. E. O'Meara; Madge E., wife of M. L. Duggan; and Nettie O., wife of Thayer Vincent. One daughter, Ruth, has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

Politically Mr. Moore gives his support to the republican party, and fraternally is identified with Golden Leaf Lodge, No. 595, A. F. & A. M., being one of the charter members of the lodge. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, Iowa Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Sons of Veterans, of Denison. He and his wife are connected with the Presbyterian church and active workers in its behalf. He may be designated as a self-made man, having won his way through many obstacles to a position of honor which few men in any community can rightfully claim. Possessing capable discernment and clear and convincing powers of expression,

he is a masterful advocate and a good counselor. He is a close and constant student of law as well as of the progress of events and few men are better informed as to the great movements which are influencing the world. His fidelity to his clients is one of his strong characteristics and he possesses a force of character that gives weight to his opinions which command respect wherever he is known.

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### I. N. VOLLERSEN.

The life record of I. N. Vollersen, manager of the Green Bay Lumber Yard at Ricketts, is an admirable example of success attained by one who started empty-handed and has gained a position of comfort and ease through his indomitable energy and resourcefulness. He is a native of Germany, born at Hogel, Schleswig-Holstein, June 18, 1865, a son of Christopher and Christina (Ingwersen) Vollersen. The parents passed their entire lives in Germany, the mother dying in 1880, and the father one year later. There were eight children in their family, of whom five came to America, namely: Mary, now the widow of J. H. Sorgenfrei, of Duluth, Minnesota; I. N., of this review; C. P., of Crawford county; Ingeburg, who married Peter J. Petersen, of Chicago, Illinois; and Christina, the wife of Rev. Otto Fitzler, of Mineola, Iowa. Paul H. still lives in Germany, and Henry and Matilda are deceased.

I. N. Vollersen was educated in the public schools of Germany and when seventeen years of age started out to seek his fortune in the new world. He landed in America in March, 1882, and worked for three years in Davenport, Iowa. He then farmed on rented land for two years, and in 1887 came to Crawford county, Iowa, and purchased eighty acres in Soldier township, which he cultivated for four years. Disposing of his farm, he removed to Charter Oak and engaged in various occupations until 1898, when he was made manager of a lumberyard, which position he still holds. He has been very successful as a business man and now owns a third interest in a hardware and implement store at Battle Creek, Iowa; a third interest in two hundred and eighty acres of land in Hand county, South Dakota; and also owns a fine home and a small farm at Ricketts.

On the 20th of February, 1885, Mr. Vollersen was married to Miss Christina Tebbe, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, in December, 1864, a daughter of Herman and Anna (Graff) Tebbe, both of whom were born in Germany. The parents came to America early in the '60s and in the latter part of the Civil war Mr. Tebbe was drafted into the Union army and after his discharge followed farming, becoming the owner of two hundred and ninety-four acres of land in Scott county. He died in 1897, his wife passing away four years later. There were five children in their family: Herman, who is now living on the homestead in Scott county; Hannah, the wife of John Tebbe, of Crawford county; Emma, now Mrs. William Keuhl, of Crawford county; Clara, who married Herman Kramer, of Kansas; and Christina now Mrs. I. N. Vollersen. Two children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Vollersen: Christopher

H., born January 1, 1886, who married Freda Voss and is now manager of a hardware and implement store at Battle Creek, Iowa; and Anna C., born February 26, 1887, who is the wife of Louis E. Haag, manager of a lumberyard at Winner, South Dakota. The children were both given excellent educational advantages, the son being a graduate of the Charter Oak high school.

Mr. Vollersen and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and politically he gives his support to the democratic party. He is identified with the Masonic lodge, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Sons of Herman, all of Charter Oak, and has many warm personal friends in those organizations. He has been governed by a noble ambition to win an honorable name and a competency for his family and he has succeeded perhaps even beyond his early expectations. He today occupies an acknowledged position as one of the substantial citizens of Crawford county.

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### PETER J. KLINKER.

For eight years past Peter J. Klinker has served as county attorney of Crawford county, performing his duties so acceptably as to meet with the general commendation of his constituents. He was born in Wester Ohrsted, Germany, January 9, 1877, a son of Hans H. and Anna M. (Michaelsen) Klinker, both natives of Germany. The father was a farmer and fine stock-raiser, attaining quite a reputation as a breeder, and was identified for many years with fairs and fancy stock shows. He departed this life in 1881. Mrs. Klinker came to America in June, 1882, and settled at Denison, where she is still living. After her arrival in this state she married Nicolaus Schroeder, a retired farmer, who is now deceased. There were four children by her first marriage, three of whom are now living: Hans H., of Seattle, Washington; Margaret, the widow of Philip Lochmiller, of Denison; and Peter J., the subject of this review. One daughter, Lavina M., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder. She is now a nurse in the Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Peter J. Klinker came to America with his mother at five years of age and secured his early education in the public schools, graduating from the Denison high school in 1895. Having evinced a decided inclination for a literary or professional career, he matriculated in the State University at Iowa City, taking a full course of four years and graduating in 1900 with the degree of Ph. B. A year later he graduated from the legal department of the university with the degree of LL. B. He was at once admitted to the bar and began practice at Denison, showing an adaptability to the profession which gave bright promise as to the future. In the fall of 1902 he was elected on the republican ticket as county attorney and has since been reelected to the same office every two years and is now serving in his fifth term.

Mr. Klinker gives thorough consideration to each case as it comes forward and stands fearlessly for what he believes to be right according to the law and for the best interests of the people. He has proved a most capable and efficient county attorney, possessing a readiness of resource and an adaptability to emer-

gencies which have carried him through many difficulties. A constant student, he has a mind well stored with legal knowledge and as he is a clear and logical speaker, he never fails to gain an attentive and respectful hearing. He ranks today as one of the most promising attorneys of Crawford county. Endowed with genial social qualities, he can claim a host of friends throughout a wide section in this part of the state. His religious belief is that of the Lutheran church. He is a prominent worker in fraternal orders, being identified with Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., of Iowa City; Chapter No. 2, R. A. M.; Palestine Commandery No. 2, K. T.; and Za-ga-zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also connected with the Order of the Eastern Star, Dowdall Lodge, No. 90, K. P., and Ute Tribe, No. 92, I. O. R. M.

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#### HENRY HAGGE.

Although he has passed the proverbial age limit of three-score-and-ten, time seems to have but mellowed the years that have passed over the head of Henry Hagge, who today is reaping the harvest of his early endeavors, and he now lives retired from the activities of life in his comfortable residence in West Side, Crawford county. Born October 2, 1838, in Germany, he is a son of John and Christina (Rohwer) Hagge, and is the only remaining child in a family of five, the following being deceased: Jurgen, Claus, Dora and John. The last named died in 1872. Both the parents spent their entire lives in Germany and there passed away.

Henry Hagge emigrated to the United States in 1864, locating near Davenport, Iowa, and as was customary in those primitive days, broke the prairie land by the aid of oxen and continued to follow farming in that locality for the ensuing four years. He then came to Crawford county and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he also broke in the same primitive way, and to this property, as time went on, he added other lands until at the present time he owns three hundred and forty acres. Aside from this he purchased two hundred and forty acres, which he gave to his son. He gave his entire attention to farming on a broad scale and to the raising of live stock, being very careful to see that the latter was of the finest breed. After nearly forty years spent in tilling the soil, such was his industry and business sagacity that, in 1904, he was enabled to retire from his hard labor and in the spring of that year took up his residence in West Side and has since made that his home.

On March 10, 1868, Mr. Hagge was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Magdalena Grage, a daughter of Chris and Sophia Grage, whose other two children were Claus and Jurgen. Mr. and Mrs. Hagge became the parents of nine children, of whom the following eight survive: John, of West Side; Stena, who married John Strattman, of Crawford county; Anne, who is the wife of John F. Sheldorf, of Crawford county; Amilia, the wife of Henry Ort, of Manning, Iowa; Emma, who married Henry Frahm, of Carroll county; Henry and Julius, who reside in Crawford county; and Dora, who is the wife of Henry Frahm, of

Crawford county. Mrs. Hagge, who was a consistent member of the Lutheran church, passed away on the 1st of July, 1909.

Mr. Hagge has ever taken an active interest in the political affairs of his community, giving his support to the democratic party, and at various times has held minor township offices. In religion he is a consistent member of the Lutheran church. Through the long period of his life work Mr. Hagge has always relied upon his own efforts and independently worked his way to the pinnacle of success. He has a wide circle of friends who enjoy the hospitality of his charming home.

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### J. H. TRYON.

The building interests of Manilla have been most ably represented in the person of J. H. Tryon, who has been engaged in contracting for nearly thirty years. He was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, on the 13th of August, 1852, and is a son of Noah J. Elizabeth Jane (Smith) Tryon. The father was born on old General Harrison's farm in either Miami county, Indiana, or just across the line in Ohio, continuing to live there until about 1847, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Vigo county, Indiana. After residing in the latter place about twenty years he went to Missouri, locating at Neosho, where he lived for six years, and then returned to Terre Haute, in which city he passed away in 1873. He was also a contractor and builder and a mechanic of more than average skill. His maternal grandfather Gardner was of English extraction but a native of New York, in which state he learned shipbuilding, being identified with that trade in New York City for a time, following which he migrated west. He first located in eastern Indiana, where he accepted a position as overseer on the estate of General Harrison, but later he removed to Terre Haute, buying a farm, in the cultivation of which he engaged until he passed away about 1869. Noah J. Tryon was twice drafted into the Union army but the first time he failed to pass the examination, and the second he was compelled to hire a substitute. He met Miss Smith, who subsequently became his wife, in Vigo county, Indiana, in which county they were married. She was a native of Mercer county, Kentucky, as was also her father, John Wesley Smith, who for many years was an overseer for Colonel Thompson, a large slaveholder in Virginia. Mrs. Tryon passed away in 1894 and was buried in Defiance, Iowa, the father, however, was interred in Vigo county, Indiana. They were the parents of ten children, only three of whom are now living: J. H., who is our subject; and Amanda, John Wesley, William, and Cynthia Ellen, all four of whom are deceased; Albert Riley, living in the vicinity of Defiance, Iowa; and Agnes and Mahlon B., both deceased; Katherine, the wife of John Alman Dunham, of Los Angeles, California; and Noah J., also deceased.

J. H. Tryon remained at home until he had attained his twenty-third year, acquiring his education in the public schools of Vigo county, Indiana, following the completion of which he engaged in work with his father until he had mastered his trade. He removed to Shelby county, Iowa, in 1879, locating upon a



farm on the present site of the town of Defiance. Although he was engaged in agricultural pursuits he devoted the greater part of his energies to the carpenter's trade during the first year of his residence there, later undertaking contracting as well. From there he removed to Manilla, erecting the first residence in the town which was for a Mr. Fuller, and there he has ever since continued to make his home. He has built a large portion of the town, in addition to the large number of residences and buildings he has constructed outside of the city limits. Buildings within a radius of fifty miles, whether of brick, stone, cement or frame have been erected by him. He has been most successful in his work and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the town. Mr. Tryon has acquired quite extensive real-estate interests, and in addition to his home and other residences in Manilla owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in McLean county, North Dakota and some property in Los Angeles, California.

While residing in Vigo county, Indiana, Mr. Tryon was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Jane Smith, a native of that county, and they have become the parents of the following: Claude Orval, who is associated with his father in contracting and building, married Miss Hazel May DeWitt in 1908, and they have one child, Merle. Rula A. and Charley A., who is a piano tuner, are both at home. Bertha Ethel, who is the wife of G. J. Disburg, a railway operator of Manilla, has two children: Georgia Elizabeth and Gilbert James. Five children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Tryon but the eldest died in infancy.

The family attend the Methodist and Presbyterian churches though the parents are members of Christian church of Defiance. Fraternally Mr. Tryon is affiliated with the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is quite prominent in the latter organization, being one of the charter members of the Manilla lodge, which is now twenty-six years old and in which he has passed all of the chairs. Mr. Tryon is well and favorably known throughout the community in which he has been engaged in business for so many years, and where he has made many friends. He is a man of unusual skill and versatility and has exhibited considerable ability as an architect, always having executed the designs for all of his work.

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#### CHRIST ERNST.

For nearly a third of a century Christ Ernst has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Crawford county and has contributed much of his time and energy to the development of the farming lands in the vicinity of Schleswig. He was born in Hanover, Germany, December 11, 1847, a son of Jurgen and Maggie (Wadamaear) Ernst, both of whom were also natives of Germany. Their family consisted of six children, four of whom are now living, namely: Christ, of this review; Peter, a resident of Schleswig; Anna, who lives in Crawford county; and Henry, of Ida county. Henry and Frederick are deceased. Both of the parents lived and died in the land of their birth.

At the age of twenty years Christ Ernst emigrated to the United States and on August 18, 1868, took up his residence in Davenport, Iowa. In 1870

he commenced running a thresher, and, renting three acres of land, turned his attention to the raising of onions, being thus engaged until 1874, when he rented one hundred and sixty acres of land in Scott county. In 1880 he came to Crawford county and purchased eighty acres. By thrift and industry, he has been enabled to gradually add to his property until his holdings now amount to eight hundred and sixty-five acres of well cultivated land, whereon he followed general farming and stock-raising. In 1907 he bought two lots in Schleswig, upon which he has erected a delightful two-story house, where he at present resides.

On January 24, 1874, Mr. Ernst was united in marriage to Doris Cortum, a daughter of Fritz and Laura (Orsbor) Cortum, she being third in order of birth in a family of six children, of whom four others survive, namely: Nancy, the wife of J. D. Schambro, of Davenport; Otto, of Cedar county; Louise, the wife of Peter Ernst, of Schleswig; and Emma, who married William Strobrig, of Davenport. Ernst is deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ernst have been born seven children, who are named as follows: Elme, who is the wife of A. Krauk, of Lyon county, Iowa; Charles, Rudolph and Julius, who live in Crawford county; Clara and Edna, who reside at home; Adelia, who is deceased.

In his political preferment Mr. Ernst is a stalwart democrat but has never sought political favors at the hands of his party. In religion he is a faithful member of the Lutheran church. His life has been full of hard work but his purpose was a high one and he determined to gain it if courage and untiring energy could win it for him. How well he has succeeded is shown by the results, as he is now able to enjoy to the full the fruits of his early endeavors.

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### LUDWIG SCHOMBERG.

A native of a foreign land, Ludwig Schomberg in early manhood decided to cast his lot under the stars and stripes, and today he has no reason to regret his decision, as he has obtained home, friends and a competency. He was born in Germany, January 12, 1865, a son of Henry and Elizabeth Schomberg, both of whom were natives of the old country. The mother died in 1888, and five years later the father came to America and now lives with his son Ludwig at West Side. He has attained the venerable age of eighty-eight years. There were three children in his family, namely: Christ, who now makes his home in Nebraska; Ludwig, the subject of this review; and Elizabeth, who is deceased.

Ludwig Schomberg was reared in Germany and received his preliminary education in the public schools but has learned a great deal in the school of experience which is not set down in the books. He served for ten weeks in the German army and still remembers some of the lessons of obedience and attention then inculcated. In 1888, being then twenty-three years of age, he crossed the ocean to the new world and came to West Side, Crawford county, Iowa, where he was employed at the carpenter's trade for five years. He then worked for a similar length of time in the lumberyard at West Side and next turned his attention to the dray business, in which he continued for five years. However, he

was again attracted to mercantile life and bought a third interest in the West Side Lumber Company, which handles coal, lumber and all kinds of building materials. The business has grown steadily and the firm is now one of the flourishing concerns of West Side, its patronage extending over a wide section of the county.

In 1892 Mr. Schomberg was united in marriage to Miss Maria Luckhardt, who was born in Germany in 1873, a daughter of Johan Luckhardt. Mr. and Mrs. Luckhardt came to America in 1885 and established their home in Crawford county, Iowa. The father is now deceased but the mother is still living in this county. Six children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Schomberg, namely: Frederick J., Hilda A., Carl C., Henry E., Ludwig W., Jr., and Alice L.

Politically, Mr. Schomberg affiliates with the republican party, whose principles he considers highly important for the perpetuity of free institutions. He has not sought public office but he served for two years as member of the town council, showing an interest in affairs of the town that greatly pleased his supporters. He is a valued member of Setting Sun Lodge, No. 349, A. F. & A. M., and also of Camp No. 2991, M. W. A. He has served for ten years past as an officer in the latter organization. He and his wife affiliate with the German Lutheran church and are firm believers in its teachings. He owns a residence and ten acres of land in West Side, which he acquired by his well directed labors, thus providing for himself and family the comforts of a home. He is to be congratulated on the good use he has made of his opportunities and the honorable position he occupies in the community, of which he is a highly honored member.

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#### WILLIAM EIFFERT.

Although a native of a foreign land and therefore obliged to meet with many obstacles in effecting a foothold in America, William Eiffert never yielded to discouragement and is now living in a beautiful home at West Side in the enjoyment of a comfortable competency. He was born in Germany, February 26, 1854, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Gerhold) Eiffert, both of whom passed their entire lives in the old country. There were eight children in the family, namely: William, of this review; Carl, now living in Germany; Conrad, of West Side; Elizabeth, the wife of Bernard Lange, of South Dakota; Gertrude, deceased; Henry and Herman, both of West Side; and Catharina, deceased.

William Eiffert received his early education in the public schools of his native land and remained in Germany until several years after reaching the estate of manhood. In 1880, having decided to seek his fortune in the new world, he crossed the ocean and came to Jackson township, Crawford county, where he associated with his brother in purchasing two hundred and forty acres of land. They developed the property until it largely increased in value and then sold it and bought four hundred acres on sections 29 and 30, township 84, range 36, Carroll county, which they still own. In 1906 our subject purchased a home with five acres of land in West Side, where he has lived retired with

his family since 1907. As a farmer he attained a large measure of success through good judgment and habits of industry which he acquired early in life.

On the 25th of February, 1882, Mr. Eiffert was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Spangler, a daughter of Henry and Johanna (Scheinsberg) Spangler, both of whom were born in Germany. Four children came to bless this union: Curt, now living in South Dakota; Martha, who is the wife of Rev. Fred Rolf, of Rock Island, Illinois; Helen, deceased; and Herbert, who is living at home and is attending school.

Mr. Eiffert and his brother Conrad have shown remarkable efficiency as agriculturists and stock-raisers and are worthy of the high respect in which they are held by their neighbors and friends. They are both men of generous spirit and may always be depended upon to assist in forwarding any worthy movement which aims to promote the permanent welfare of this region. They are classed with the leading citizens wherever they are known. Both are identified with the republican party and hold membership in the Evangelical church.

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#### P. W. WEBERG.

P. W. Weberg, an extensive farmer and stock-raiser of Crawford county who has, by his perseverance and continuous industry, accumulated sufficient of this world's goods to render him independent for life, is a native of Sweden, born January 13, 1854. His parents emigrated to the United States in 1867, first locating in Boone county, Iowa, whence they removed in 1868 to Crawford county. Here the father bought eighty acres of land, upon which he resided for several years, and then disposed of his holdings and removed to Omaha, Nebraska. To him and his wife were born seven children, of whom six survive, as follows: Anna married Peter Larsen, who died in Sweden, and she is now living in Los Angeles, California. Christina is the widow of E. W. Anderson and resides on a farm near Kiron, Crawford county. Larson lives in Omaha, Nebraska; Lydia became the wife of Andrew Larson, and makes her home in St. Louis, Missouri. Inez married N. A. Christinsen, formerly of Omaha but now living in Los Angeles. P. W. completes the family. The mother departed this life at the age of seventy-four, the father passing away two years later in his seventy-sixth year.

The youth of P. W. Weberg was spent in assisting his father on the home farm, continuing thus employed until he was twenty-two years old, when he rented the place, which consisted of eighty acres, and cultivated it on his own account for two or three years. He then bought the farm in partnership with his sister, to whom he subsequently sold his interest. His next purchase was eighty acres of land one mile west in Otter Creek township, which he still owns and to which he has added five hundred and thirty-five acres, this comprising his property in that and Stockholm townships. In April, 1906, he bought seventy-six acres within the city limits of Denison, to which he has added one hundred and twenty-four acres, and here he has since made his home, giving it the name of "City View Stock Farm." Besides general farming he makes a specialty of rais-

ing shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, in which he has met with splendid success. During a great flood that swept this part of the country in August, 1907, he suffered considerable loss in stock, besides which about forty acres of his hay was destroyed.

Mr. Weberg has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Bertha Larson, whose death took place in 1885. He was subsequently united in marriage to Lotie, a daughter of N. F. and Ingrid Rodine. Her mother died February 13, 1907. By his first wife, Sophia, Mr. Rodine had the following eight children: Matilda, Caroline, John, Carl, Maud, John Abel, Maria and Charlotta, all of whom are deceased except the first named. To Mr. and Mrs. Weberg have been born four children, as follows: Earl DeWitt, Ralph Waldo, Percy Bryan and Peter Carroll, who reside at home with their parents.

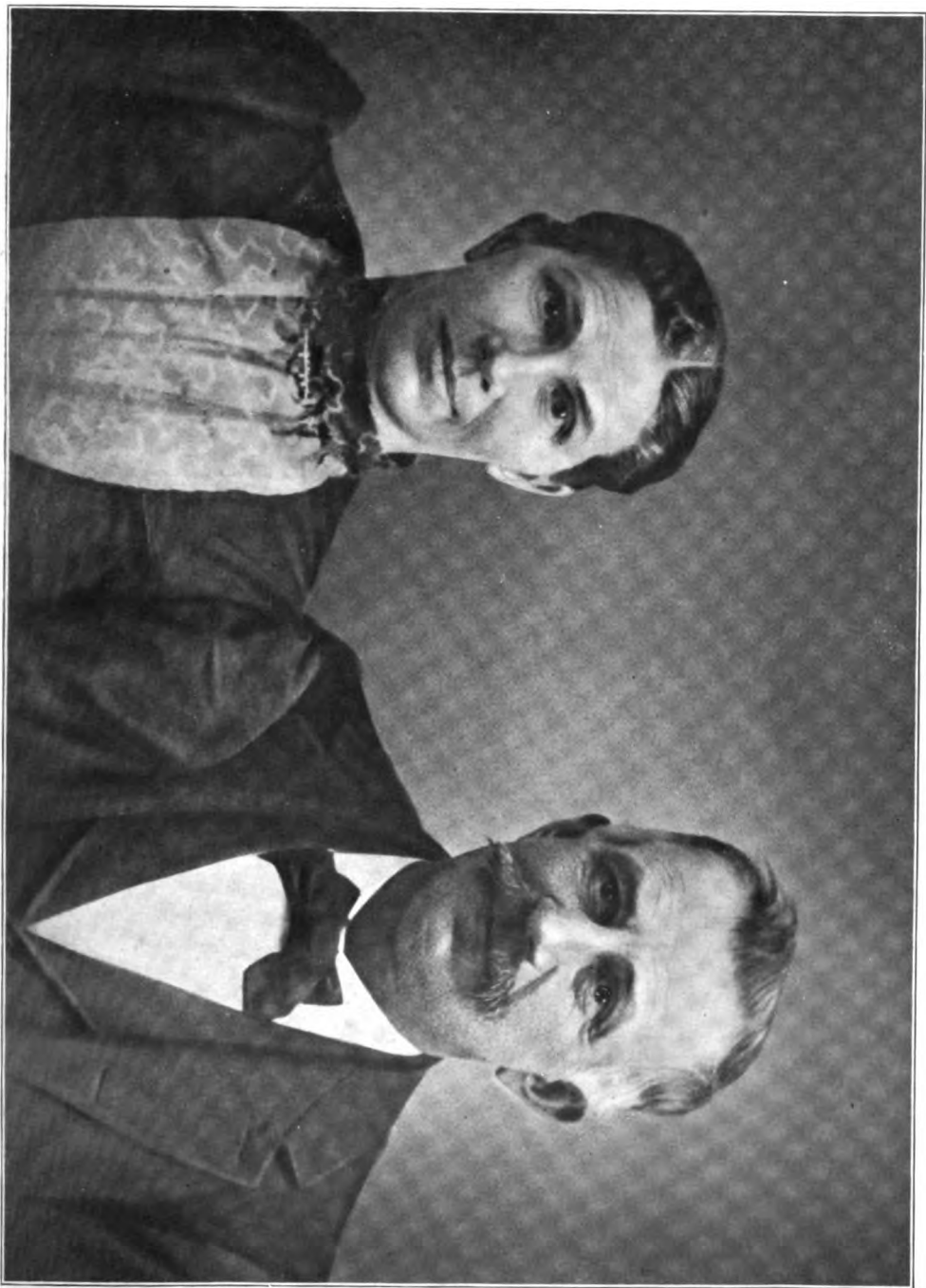
Politically Mr. Weberg gives his support to the democratic party and has been active in local affairs, as is indicated by his having filled several township offices. In his religious views he is a faithful follower of the Baptist denomination. His life has been one of great activity and his ability in business circles has found expression in the acquirement of the valuable property which he now owns, the cultivation of which has made him one of the substantial residents of the community, while his worth as a man is demonstrated by the high esteem in which he is uniformly held.

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#### WILLIAM M. LILL.

Unusual energy and resourcefulness brought success to William M. Lill, whose well cultivated farm of two hundred and eighty acres on section 9, Soldier township, was convincing proof of his ability as a business man. He was a native of Germany, whence so many of the thrifty citizens of Iowa have come, and was born November 9, 1847, a son of August and Cardine (Prauske) Lill. The mother died when the subject of this review was eight years of age, and of the six children in the family one died in Germany, while the other five came to America, namely: Ernestine, the widow of John Merring, of Chicago; Henrietta, now the widow of Charles Denhard, also of Chicago; William M., of this review; August, deceased; and Caroline, the wife of Fredd Topp, of Chicago. The father was again married in Germany to Miss Minnie Toorick. He came to America with his family in 1870 and died in this country, January 4, 1894, his second wife passing away in 1908.

William M. Lill pursued his education in his native land and continued there until twenty-one years of age. In 1868 he crossed the ocean to America and for eight years worked in Chicago at any honorable occupation that he could find. He saved his earnings and after acquiring a moderate capital came to Crawford county in 1876 and purchased eighty acres of land in Charter Oak township, which he cultivated for twenty years. He then sold that farm and bought two hundred and eighty acres on section 9, Soldier township, which he developed until it became one of the best improved farms in the neighborhood. It is provided with a comfortable residence, ample outbuildings and



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM M. LILL



all conveniences for modern farming. Mr. Lill cultivated his land to good advantage and live-stock interests also constituted an important factor in his success.

On the 21st of December, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Wage, who was born in Germany, May 9, 1852, a daughter of Adam and Julia Wage, who were the parents of two children; Rose, now the widow of Carl Miller, of Detroit, Michigan; and Henrietta, now Mrs. William Lill. Nine children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lill, five of whom are still living: Emma, the wife of Albert Bartels, of Crawford county, Iowa; John, also of Crawford county; William, who lives on the family homestead; Otto, who also cultivates a portion of his father's farm; and Fred, who is married and engaged in farming in Ida county. The son Otto was married October 25, 1905, to Miss Clara Clausen, who was born in Crawford county, May 10, 1881, and they have three children: Walter, who was born July 3, 1906; Sadie, born August 31, 1908; and Edna, born July 15, 1910.

Mr. Lill, like his family, was a firm adherent of the German Lutheran church and politically he gave his support to the Democratic party. As a patriotic and wide-awake citizen he took an active interest in public affairs and served as township trustee for eight years and as road supervisor for a similar length of time. He was a resident of Crawford county for thirty-five years and assisted very materially by his influence and example in advancing the general welfare. He was known as industrious, enterprising and thoroughly capable and no man in the county stood higher in the estimation of friends and acquaintances than William M. Lill, who passed away on the 11th of March, 1911.

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### THOMAS W. BELL.

For almost four decades the name of Bell has been an honored and prominent one in Crawford county and Thomas W. Bell, whose name introduces this record, fully sustains the reputation that has always been borne by his father. He was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, September 5, 1862, a son of Samuel and Jennie (Allen) Bell, both of whom were natives of Scotland. The father was a cloth finisher, and in 1854, believing that America offered better opportunities for making a livelihood, he emigrated to the new world. He first located in Lawrence, Massachusetts, spending a number of years there and then located near Island Pond, Vermont. He there followed farming for a time but eventually decided to try the broader opportunities of the middle west and accordingly, in April, 1873, came to Crawford county, Iowa. At that time much of the land was still in its wild state and the homes of the settlers were widely scattered, there being but two houses between his home in East Boyer township and the village of Vail. However, he began working diligently and persistently and as the years passed, success came to him so that at the time of his death, which occurred in May, 1892, he was the owner of five hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in Crawford county. He was one of a family of three sons and two daughters, but was the only member who came to the United



States, one sister now living near Glasgow, Scotland, while his two brothers when quite young started for Australia and were never again heard from. The mother of our subject, who was also born and reared in Scotland, gave her hand in marriage to Samuel Bell in Lawrence, Massachusetts. She, too, has departed this life, her death occurring in Crawford county in 1901, and both she and her husband lie buried in the Vail cemetery. Their family numbered three sons and three daughters, as follows: Mary, the wife of C. N. Baker, of Bridgeport, Washington; Lizzie, the wife of George Lyon, a resident of Denison; David, who follows farming in East Boyer township; Thomas W., of this review; Robert, a farmer of Lyman county, South Dakota; and Jennie, the wife of George Albert, of Nevada, Missouri.

Thomas W. Bell was a lad of eleven years when he accompanied his parents from New England to Crawford county. His education, which was begun in the country schools of his native state, was continued in the schools of Crawford county, and his training at farm labor was received under the direction of his father. He remained at home until he was twenty-seven years of age and then began farming on his own account in Hayes township, where he made his home until 1904. He next removed to Manilla, Crawford county, and was there proprietor of the hostelry known as the Bell House, for four years. He also was engaged in the draying business for one year and followed carpentering to some extent. After a time he returned to the home place and again engaged in farming, now owning two hundred acres in East Boyer township, this formerly constituting a part of the homestead property. He likewise owns two hundred and forty-seven acres in Hayes township and forty-two acres lying inside the corporation limits of Denison. He has one hundred and sixty acres in Lyman county, South Dakota, so that his landed possessions are now quite extensive. Mr. Bell engaged in general farming and stock-raising and was formerly a breeder of Poland China hogs. His land is in a good state of cultivation, while the place is improved with modern and substantial buildings, and his property is considered as valuable as any to be found in Crawford county. In the spring of 1911 he removed to his place in Denison, where he is now living.

It was on the 26th of January, 1889, that Mr. Bell was united in marriage to Miss Addie Baker, who was born in Cedar county, Iowa, a daughter of William and Jane (Stone) Baker. The parents were born in Pennsylvania and are of Dutch extraction. The father was taken to Indiana when but two years of age and during his youth went to Ohio, but eventually came to Crawford county, where he engaged in farming throughout the remaining years of his active business career. Both he and his wife are still living and they now make their home in Manilla, this county. Their family numbers six children: Henry, a resident of Scranton, Iowa; Addie, now Mrs. Bell; Libbie, who makes her home in Los Angeles, California; Clayton, a resident of Manilla, Iowa; Emma, who has departed this life; and Louise, the wife of Cass Wood, residing near Olin, Iowa. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bell has been blessed with two sons and one daughter, all still at home; Myron; Clarence, who in June, 1911, was graduated from Denison College; and Queen, who is attending school in Denison.

Mr. Bell's study of the political issues and questions of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the republican party, yet he has never been active as an office seeker, for his time is fully occupied with his private business affairs. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church and is a Mason, while both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star at Manilla. He has ever been alert for opportunities that will win advancement, and along this line he pursued his way until he occupied a foremost place among the substantial agriculturists of Crawford county.

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#### A. P. GRAINGER.

A. P. Grainger, a substantial and prosperous farmer and a progressive and public-spirited citizen of Paradise township, Crawford county, was born in Kingston, Canada, on the 24th of September, 1866, a son of P. K. and Amanda (Wemp) Grainger. The father, whose birth occurred in County Fermanagh, Ireland, May 10, 1832, was but two years old when he crossed the Atlantic with his parents, who took up their abode in Kingston, Canada, and there he was reared and educated. Upon attaining his majority he taught school for fifteen years, after which he was engaged in farming until 1881, when he came to Crawford county, Iowa, locating in Paradise township, where he improved and operated a farm for some time. Later he removed to another farm in Paradise township, which he also developed, and there he remained until his death on the 24th of June, 1908, his remains being interred in the Catholic cemetery north of Dow City, Iowa. His wife was born at Amhurst Island, Canada, and long survived her husband, passing away February 24, 1910. By her marriage to Mr. Grainger she had become the mother of eight children, as follows: Mary, the wife of Marion Cole, who is engaged in the feed business in Dow City, Iowa; Anna, who wedded J. C. Grandy, a railroad telegraph operator of Warsaw, Indiana; Lucretia, deceased; A. P., of this review; James Allen, who is associated with our subject in farming; Edward F., an agriculturist of Paradise township; Charles, engaged in farming in Nebraska; and Rachel, the widow of John Cary, who makes her home at Denison, Iowa.

Reared amid the scenes and environment of his native country, A. P. Grainger attended the schools of Kingston and acquired a good common school education. He was a youth of fifteen years when his father crossed the border and sought a home in the United States, and after the arrival in Iowa the son assisted in the development and cultivation of the home farm in Crawford county. Upon attaining man's estate he entered the business world on his own account, wisely choosing as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. He has since given his attention to agricultural pursuits and is now the owner of eighty acres of land in Paradise township, all under a good state of cultivation. He has labored earnestly and today his farm, in its well improved condition, gives every indication of prosperity and is the visible evidence of a life of thrift, energy and determination.

Mr. Grainger was united in marriage, in 1910, to Miss Johanna Purcell, of Paradise township, and he and his wife are both faithful and consistent members of the Catholic church, the teachings of that denomination forming the guiding spirit in their lives. Although Mr. Grainger has ever given loyal support to the principles of the republican party, he has never sought nor desired public office as the reward of party fealty, but has preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business activities. His interest in community affairs, however, has never been slack, and he is a public-spirited citizen, interested in the general welfare. Progress may be said to be the keynote of his career, and he is recognized by his fellow men as a valued and representative member of the community.

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### BERNHARD SIEGFRIED ANDRESEN.

For the past five years cashier of the German Bank of Schleswig, Iowa, Bernhard Siegfried Andresen has attained a deserved reputation wherever he is known as a gentleman of education and discernment and of most excellent business ability. He was born at Ahrenshoeft, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, October 29, 1868, a son of Carsten and Margarethe (Petersen) Andresen. The father engaged in farming, and the ancestors on both sides of the house lived for many generations at Ahrenshoeft or in the vicinity.

The subject of this review was reared under the parental roof and received his education in the common schools and at the Real Gymnasium at Rendsburg, graduating in 1886. He showed special talent for mathematical and historical subjects while at college. After leaving school he worked for a year in a public office but resigned as he did not like the work and the chances of promotion were small. Having decided to seek his fortune under the stars and stripes, he came to America in 1888 and first took up his residence in Indiana, later arriving in Iowa, where he engaged in farming. In 1897 he visited his old home in Germany for a short time and in 1902 he became connected with the German Bank at Schleswig, Iowa, as assistant to Mr. Kruger, the cashier of the bank. Upon the death of Mr. Kruger, in 1906, he was appointed by the board of directors as his successor and has since continued in that position, discharging his duties in a way that has met the hearty approval of the directors and patrons of the institution.

On the 23d of September, 1908, Mr. Andresen was united in marriage at Denison, Iowa, to Miss Adelheid Niewoehner, formerly a deaconess at St. Louis. She was born at Annapolis, Maryland. One son, Bernard, has come to bless this union, his natal day being November 18, 1909.

Mr. Andresen has found in his estimable wife a worthy helpmate and they have entered upon their married life under most favorable circumstances. He has always been governed by high ideals and in the discharge of his various obligations has shown a fidelity to principle and a clearness of judgment which reflect upon him the highest credit. He ranks as one of the substantial and progressive men of Crawford county. Fraternally he has been identified with Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., since 1906, with Lodge No. 696, I. O. O. F.,

since 1910, and with the Sons of Herman since 1902. He is a sincere believer in the authority and inspiration of the Bible and holds membership in the Evangelical Lutheran church of the North American synod, which corresponds with the church to which his ancestors belonged in Germany as far back as 1535.

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REV. A. D. GREIF.

Rev. A. D. Greif, pastor of the German Lutheran church of Soldier township, is one of the prominent ministers of the denomination in the west and is recognized as one of its most efficient workers. He was born in Meiningen, Germany, June 16, 1849, a son of Carl F. and Susanna (Sengling) Greif, the former of whom was born December 3, 1822, and the latter in 1823. The father was a teacher in the schools of Germany and also a teacher of music. He was the director of three singing societies at one time. There were seven children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Greif, namely: Ludovic, now a college professor in Germany; Marie, now Mrs. Hoeltzel, whose home is also in Germany; A. D., the subject of this review; August, Emma and Henry, all of whom are living in Germany; and Carl. The mother of these children died at the age of thirty-five years, and four years later the father again married and there were eight children by the second union. He died November 8, 1890.

A. D. Greif received his preliminary education in the public schools and then attended college for six years, showing a capacity for study that gave bright promise for his future. At the age of nineteen he bade farewell to relatives and friends and started for America, having fully determined to work out his destiny under the favoring conditions of the republic. After teaching school for three months in New York he came west to St. Louis and took a course in theology at Concordia Seminary. In June, 1870, being then twenty-one years of age, he was ordained as a minister of the Lutheran church. His first charge was at William Penn, Texas. After three years at that point he was assigned to a congregation at Serbin, Texas, where he continued for two years, subsequently going to Little Rock for one and one-half years, to Chandlerville, Illinois, for six years, and thence to Davenport, Iowa. Since April 17, 1910, he has been pastor of Immanuel Lutheran church in Soldier township, discharging his duties with an efficiency that meets the hearty approval of members of the church and the entire community.

On the 17th of April, 1874, at New Orleans, Louisiana, Mr. Greif was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Odendahl, a native of Germany. She came to America with her parents when a child, the family taking up its residence at Fort Wayne, Indiana, where the mother shortly afterward died. The father went to live with his son at New Orleans and continued there until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-six years of age. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Odendahl, six of whom are still living: Frederick; Louisa, now Mrs. A. D. Greif; Detleff; Friederike Huettmann; Henriette; and Mary Gassner. Among those deceased are Friederike, Michaela and Adelbert. Mr. and Mrs. Greif have no children of their own but have adopted a son, Herman

T. Greif, who was born in Texas, June 20, 1874, and is now the minister of the German Lutheran church at Davenport, and a daughter, Freda, now the wife of Otto Westphal, of Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. Greif by a life of self-sacrifice and devotion to a noble cause has not only gained a wide reputation in the Lutheran denomination but has attained a noble character which is of more value than great earthly riches. He is a thorough scholar, a clear and convincing speaker, and is intimately acquainted with the great Book on which his teachings are based and whose message it is his mission to deliver. As a conscientious and hardworking pastor he has met with great success and it is hardly necessary to say that he has a host of ardent supporters and admirers in the church of which he is a worthy representative. His standing is indicated by the important offices he has filled, having been for fifteen years visiting elder, for five years first vice president and for two years president of the Iowa district of the German Evangelical Lutheran synod of Missouri, Ohio, and other states.

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#### MATHIAS FREY.

One of the self-made men of Denison township, Crawford county, is Mathias Frey, a well known and prosperous farmer of that locality. His parents, both of whom were natives of France, were Mathias and Mary (Oberlin) Frey. The mother died there in 1874, and the father's death occurred in 1880. Politically he favoured a republican form of government for his country. To this couple five children were born, as follows: Mary, deceased; Mathias; Jacob, at present a farmer in France, who was a soldier in the Franco-Prussian war of 1871; Salome, residing in France; Lena, deceased.

The subject of this sketch was born March 11, 1846, in Epesheim, which at that time belonged to France, but after the war was acquired by Germany. The early education of Mr. Frey was obtained in the public schools, where, besides his own language, he was taught German. At the age of fourteen he entered the tailor shop of his father in order to learn the trade and remained there two years. He then worked on a farm for four years, at the expiration of which time he decided to emigrate to the United States. He first located in Chicago and worked in that city and vicinity for eight years. He then married and removed to Lake county, Illinois, three years later coming to Crawford county, Iowa, where for two years he worked on a farm. He then rented land in Washington township and one year later removed to Denison township. Sixteen years ago he bought the farm he now resides on, consisting of one hundred acres, in the latter township, having since then greatly improved the property, and he is now engaged in general farming and stock-raising.

In 1874 Mr. Frey was united in marriage to Miss Kerren Jensen, who is of Danish extraction. By this union there are eight children, as follows: Mary, the wife of H. Stahl, of Bucks Grove, Iowa; Sarah, the wife of Julis Mahler, who follows the carpenter's trade in Denison; Henry, deceased; Emma, who married Bert Hester, of Washington township; Lydia, the wife of Carl Clausen,

a farmer residing in Spinks county, South Dakota; Rose, deceased; George and John, who are residing at home. Mr. Frey is politically a staunch republican and has served his township as school director. In his religion he is a member of the Evangelical church.

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### PETER J. MARTENS.

After nearly a quarter of a century devoted to the interests of agriculture in Crawford county, during which time he has witnessed the great development and progress of this section of the state; Peter J. Martens is now, as the result of his industry and business acumen, enjoying at his home in West Side the comforts of life for which he toiled so many years. He was born in Holstein, Germany, October 23, 1852; a son of John H. and Margerette (Hansen) Martens, who emigrated to the United States, March 27, 1865, and settled in Wheatland, Clinton county, Iowa. The other children born to this couple are: Annie, who is the wife of Claus Binning and resides in Clinton county; Henry J., who lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Herman C., whose home is in West Side. The mother died in 1865, only three weeks after arriving in this country, and the father survived her until May 10, 1893, when he, too, passed away.

Upon reaching the age of twenty years Peter J. Martens rented one hundred and sixty acres of land in Clinton county and worked there for about five years, at the end of which period he came to Crawford county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres. This he cultivated and continued to add to his property as his financial circumstances would allow until at the present time he owns six hundred acres, all of which is located in West Side township. At one time he was a stock raiser and feeder on an extensive scale and shipped thousands of head of cattle to the markets. On January 15, 1902, having acquired a sufficient competency to render him independent for the remainder of his life, he retired from active labor and is now residing at his home in West Side.

Mr. Martens was married May 11, 1875, to Miss Minnie Hohn, a daughter of Carl and Mary Hohn, of Clinton county. Unto them were born ten children, of whom the following survive: Ida, who became the wife of August Rohwer and lives in West Side; John, who resides on the old homestead in West Side township with his brothers Edward and Herman; Charles, who is in business in West Side; Louis, of West Side; Emil, who lives in Logan, Iowa; Jennie, who married Leroy Dolise and resides in Carroll county; and Ella, who lives at home. The other child, Clara, died in infancy. Mrs. Marten's demise occurred in February, 1887. On December 1, 1888, Mr. Martens was united in marriage to Emma L. Kay, of Wheatland, Clinton county, a daughter of Gottlieb and Christina Grau.

Mr. Martens has always given his support to the principles upheld by the republican party and has ever manifested his interest in any movement that tended to the advancement of his community. For sixteen years he held the office of township trustee, for nine years he served as school treasurer and has also acted in the capacity of road supervisor, and whatever has been the nature of his offi-

cial duties he has discharged them with efficiency and executive ability. In his religious views he is an adherent of the Lutheran church. He has made his way in the world without the assistance of either money or influence, he has made a host of friends and earned their high regard, and he has never had occasion to regret his determination to cast his lot in with the men of his adopted country.

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### W. C. POLLOCK.

The admirable qualities of thrift and industry which characterize the Scotch race are exemplified in the career of W. C. Pollock, who, by his unaided efforts has acquired an independent position in the country of his adoption and is today one of the leading farmers and stock-breeders of Crawford county. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, September 13, 1856, a son of John and Ellen (Cook) Pollock, both of whom were natives of Ayrshire, Scotland, where the father spent his entire life. The mother came to the United States in 1880, locating in Chicago, where she died. They were the parents of eight children, seven of whom survive as follows: John, James, Joseph, Jessie, and Ellen, all of whom reside at home in Chicago; Adam, who is living in San Antonio, Texas; and W. C., the subject of this sketch.

W. C. Pollock had such educational advantages as were accessible in the public schools of Glasgow until he was fourteen years of age, when he came to the United States and made his home with an aunt who lived in Kane county, Illinois, upon whose farm he remained for two years. When twenty-two years old he came to Crawford county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, to which in 1904 he added another tract of one hundred and thirty-six acres, upon which he now resides, his other property lying just north of the home place. Although his original intention was to devote his time to agriculture he subsequently turned his attention to live stock and has made a specialty of raising Percheron horses, graded cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. For the past fourteen years he has been exhibiting the latter at county fairs and stock shows and in 1909 had the honor of taking first prize at the county fair. He purchased from S. E. Morton & Son, of Camden, Ohio, a hog named King of Colonials, and the two hogs now at the head of the herd are from this one and are called Arion Wonder No. 90509, and King of Colonials Again No. 80267. Mr. Pollock is one of the extensive breeders of hogs in Crawford county, has spent much time and study in perfecting one particular strain and for the past ten years has been laboring to secure a uniform color, in which he has so far succeeded that among a herd of sixty head there is not one that varies in shade.

In 1877, when Mr. Pollock was twenty-one years old, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Duff, who was born in Kane county, Illinois, and was of Scotch descent. They became the parents of six children, as follows: Hattie, deceased; Mabel, who became the wife of Edward Granger, a prosperous farmer of Crawford county; Nellie, who is a school teacher of Boise city, Idaho; Joseph C., the owner of a farm in Dixon county, Nebraska; John, whose farm lies

near Bloomfield, Nebraska; Ernest, who aids his father in the management of the home farm.

In politics Mr. Pollock casts his vote with the republicans and has served ten years as central committeeman. In their religious views Mr. and Mrs. Pollock are followers of the Presbyterian church. He is in every essential a self-made man, having started with nothing and worked himself up to his present position among the successful business men of Crawford county, and he possesses the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

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### OTTO H. STEGEMANN.

Otto H. Stegemann, who lives on an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 29, Otter Creek township, where he engages in general farming and stock-raising, was born in Germany on the 12th of August, 1859. His parents, Edward and Caroline (Rohdy) Stegemann, emigrated to the United States with their family in 1870. They first located in Muscatine county, Iowa, and after residing there for six years they removed to Crawford county, where the parents continued to live during the remainder of their days. Of their children, the youngest died in infancy and those surviving are as follows: Augusta, the wife of John Doerfler, of Soldier township; William who lives in Otter Creek township; Minnie, residing in Schleswig; Ernest, living in Buck Grove; Otilie, who became the wife of John Reimers; Albertine, the wife of A. P. Hollander, of Schleswig; Otto H., our subject; Gus D., residing in North Platte, Nebraska; and Albert, who is living in Schleswig.

Otto H. Stegemann was a lad of eleven years when his parents came to the United States, and the greater part of his education, therefore, was obtained in the district schools of Iowa. He early became familiar with agricultural pursuits and continued to work for his father for some years, the latter owning three hundred and twenty acres of land, which he purchased in 1886. Two years later he bought one-half of section 29, Otter Creek township, where our subject now lives, and subsequently acquired one hundred and twenty acres on section 28. Otto H. Stegemann purchased from his father two hundred and forty acres in Otter Creek township, where he now makes his home, and his wife has one-half of that amount in Charter Oak township. He has met with gratifying success in all of his ventures and is today regarded as one of the substantial and successful agriculturists in his community.

Mr. Stegemann established a home of his own by his marriage on the 14th of October, 1889, to Miss Minnie Meyer, a daughter of Adolph and Catherine (Voglepohl) Meyer. She is the eldest of the seven children born to her parents, the others being: August, who lives in Soldier township; William, a resident of the same place; Dora, the wife of Henry Nedermeyer, of Charter Oak township; Adolph, living in Soldier township; Henry, deceased; and Edward, residing in Charter Oak township. Mr. and Mrs. Stegemann have two children: Martha and Marcus, both of whom are still at home.



They are of the Evangelical faith and affiliate with the Lutheran church. Ever since acquiring the full rights of citizenship Mr. Stegemann has given his political support to the democratic party, believing that its policy is best adapted to protect the interests of the masses. He actively participates in local affairs and has several times been elected to the various township offices, the duties of which he faithfully and satisfactorily discharged. He has been a resident of Otter Creek township for twenty-five years, during which period he has made many friends, the regard of whom he continues to retain.

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### JOHN BRAASE.

John Braase, who resides on a well cultivated farm of two hundred acres located on sections 1 and 2, Hanover township, Crawford county, was born in Germany on the 2d of March, 1862. His parents, Henry O. and Sophia (Petersen) Braase, were born, reared and married in the fatherland but emigrated to America with their family in 1883 and settled in Jackson county, Iowa. During the first year of their residence in the United States they worked out but at the end of that time they removed to Ida county, this state, and rented one hundred and sixty acres of land, which they farmed for two years, and then came to Crawford county, continuing to lease land for six years. During this period by thrift, hard work and much self-denial they were able to accumulate the capital which enabled them to realize their great ambition—to hold property of their own, and in 1892 they bought one hundred and sixty acres of land upon which they located. They cultivated this for six years and during that time added another one hundred and sixty acres to their original tract, all of which was well improved and under a high state of cultivation at the time of Mr. Braase's demise in 1898. Mrs. Braase still survives at the venerable age of seventy-eight years and makes her home in Schleswig, Iowa. The first born of their five children died in Germany. The eldest of those surviving is John, and the others are as follows: August, a resident of Crawford county; Dora, the wife of Fred Berendes, of South Dakota; and Fred, who lives on the old homestead.

John Braase was twenty-one years of age when his parents became citizens of the United States so that his education was acquired in the schools of Germany. He remained at home until he had passed the twenty-eighth anniversary of his birth, when he began farming as a renter, which method he continued for three years. His industry and application, assisted by the ambition and strength of youth, made it possible for him to save during that time the money necessary to become a property owner. His first farm contained eighty acres and after cultivating this for a time he traded it for a portion of the land contained in his present homestead in Hanover township.

Mr. Braase completed arrangements for a home of his own by his marriage on the 8th of January, 1890, to Miss Dora Hansen, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 20th of September, 1872. She is a daughter of Peter and Theresa (Struve) Hansen, who were born in Germany but were married in

the United States, and for thirteen years thereafter they cultivated rented land in Scott county and other places and then bought a farm in Morgan township, Crawford county, which they operated until the time of their retirement in 1906. They are now living in Schleswig, enjoying the ease and comfort made possible in the evening of life by the thrift and industry of their youth. They were the parents of the following children besides Mrs. Braase, who is the eldest of the family: Louisa, deceased, the wife of Johannes Lorenzen, of Morgan township; Emma, who died at the age of eighteen years; Adolph, a resident of Schleswig, Iowa; Henry, who is living in Morgan township; John, of Morgan township, this county; Theresa, the wife of Henry Rickett, of Schleswig; and Helmina, the wife of Ernest Boock, of Schleswig.

Mr. and Mrs. Braase have become the parents of four children, as follows: Henry, who was born on the 26th of October, 1893, and is still at home; John, born on the 15th of June, 1896; Herbert, born on the 16th of August, 1899; and Emma, who was born on the 10th of August, 1908.

The family attend the services of the Lutheran church, with which the parents are identified by membership. Although he has always supported the principles of the democratic party, Mr. Braase does not actively participate in political affairs, as he does not aspire to public office. However, he meets the requirements of good citizenship by going to the polls on election day and casting his ballot for the candidates of his party. He is held in high regard in his community and is considered one of the substantial farmers of the township.

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#### H. H. FRAHM.

There are quite a number of residents in Crawford county who are of German nativity and among these is H. H. Frahm, a prosperous farmer of Denison township. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein August 22, 1868, a son of Herman and Maggie (Luth) Frahm. His early youth was spent in Carroll county, Iowa, where he obtained his education in the public schools and there remained with his parents until twenty-two years old. He then left the home place and removed to Denison, where for ten years he engaged in stock buying and the elevator business, at the end of which period he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 35, Denison township.

Mr. Frahm has taken an active part in politics, always casting his vote for the republican party, and has held the office of school director of his township. He is a member of the Holiness church, with which, during her lifetime, his wife was also affiliated. In 1890 M. Frahm was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Burkholder, who was a native of Switzerland and whose demise occurred November 21, 1910. They were the parents of the following six children: John; Lillian, deceased; Harry Alfred; Hattie Hazel; Henry Willie; and Fay Ruby.

Herman Frahm, the father of our subject, was born in Schleswig, while the mother's birth occurred in Holstein, Germany. He followed the vocation of farming in his native country until 1874, in which year he came to the United

States, living in Chicago for awhile, but subsequently removing to Carroll county, Iowa, where he resided for twenty years. He then, in 1893, moved to Crawford county and took up his residence in the city of Denison, where he is still living. Mr. Frahm having attained the ripe age of eighty-seven years and his wife that of eighty-three. They enjoy the distinction of being one of the oldest couples in the county. Mr. Frahm is still the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Carroll county. To them were born ten children, as follows: Maggie, Katie and John, all three deceased; Tina, wife of N. A. Miller, residing in Milford, Iowa; Peter, a farmer living near Mason City, Iowa; Herman, who lives at Stratton, Colorado; Maggie and Lizzie, both deceased; H. H., the subject of this sketch; and George, who is in the draying business at Denison.

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#### C. M. DUGAN.

Among the citizens of Crawford county who have been successful in agriculture and stock-raising and are now enjoying the fruits of many years of labor is C. M. Dugan, of West Side township. He is a native of Michigan, born April 1, 1859, a son of Martin and Mary (Ryan) Dugan, both of whom were born in Ireland. They emigrated to America and lived for a number of years in Michigan. The family came to Linn county, Iowa, about 1859, and in 1871 arrived in Crawford county. The father devoted his attention to farming, in which he continued until his death, May 25, 1899. The mother passed away five years later, on March 18, 1904. There were eight children in their family, seven of whom are now living.

C. M. Dugan attended the public schools in his boyhood and remained with his parents until thirty years of age assisting in the work of the home farm. He then removed to a farm on section 7, West Side township, which he cultivated to good advantage for ten years, and at the end of that time he took up his residence in Vail, where he continued for five years. In 1906 he removed to a place of one hundred and forty-five acres on section 30, West Side township, which he now owns. The air of neatness and order that prevails throughout his farm indicates the thoughtful attention which he bestows upon his work and is also proof of generous financial returns. In addition to his agricultural interests he is vice president of the Farmers State Bank at Vail. He is a man of marked influence in the community whose opinion commands respect wherever he is known.

In 1892 Mr. Dugan was united in marriage to Miss Anna Kelly, who was born at Peoria, Illinois, November 25, 1871, a daughter of M. and Mary (Conway) Kelly. The father was born in Ireland and the mother in Massachusetts. Mrs. Kelly died August 1, 1882, in Illinois, and subsequently Mr. Kelly came to Crawford county, Iowa, where he is now living. There were seven children in his family, five of whom survive. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dugan, Mabel, Martin, Nellie, Edward, Carl M. and Lucile. The three older children are in attendance at the high school at Vail.

Mr. Dugan has always been a man of sound common sense. He is honorable and upright in his dealings and generous in his estimate of others, standing among the representative and progressive citizens of the county. In the development of this section he has borne his share and it may be said to his credit that he has never sought to advance his interests to the injury of others. Politically he gives his support to the democratic party. He has served as a member of the board of county supervisors and as township trustee and school director. In religious belief he and his wife are sincere adherents of the Catholic church.

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### CARL HOPP.

The life of Carl Hopp is an illustration of success achieved in the face of difficulties that to an ordinary man would have appeared insurmountable. However, he courageously pressed forward and today he is the owner of a valuable and productive farm in Soldier township, which he acquired through his own perseverance and energy. He was born in Germany, September 1, 1863, a son of John and Sophia (Peters) Hopp, both of whom were natives of the old country. The father died in 1904, but the mother is still living and is sixty-nine years of age. There were six children in their family, namely: William, Sophia, Friedericki, Minnie, Hattie and Carl, all of whom are still living in Germany except the subject of this review.

Carl Hopp was reared and educated in his native land and continued there until twenty-five years of age. Believing that he could advance more rapidly under the favoring conditions of the new world he came to America in 1888 and for three years worked by the month in Crawford county, Iowa. He then rented land for one year, after which he bought one hundred and sixty acres in Charter Oak township, which he greatly improved, increasing its value so that in 1907 he was able to trade his farm for land on section 27, Soldier township, thus acquiring three hundred and twenty acres, upon which he has placed many improvements. He raises and feeds stock and as he gives careful attention to his work he has been highly successful and is regarded as one of the most prosperous farmers in this section.

On the 1st of September, 1890, Mr. Hopp was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Wittkopp, who was born in Germany and came to America with her father in 1888, the mother having previously died. Mr. Wittkopp settled in Crawford county, Iowa, and continued here until his death, which occurred in 1904. Six children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hopp, namely: Ella, who was born April 3, 1891, and is the wife of Theodore Mesick of Crawford county; Emil, who was born September 24, 1893; Leo, born June 1, 1894; Martin, born July 24, 1898; Olga, born December 7, 1900; and Paul, born January 1, 1902. The mother of these children passed away March 1, 1902, and Mr. Hopp was married to Mrs. Amelia (Lentz) Schreiber. She was a native of Germany and came to this country with her parents, who settled on a farm in Crawford county. After acquiring a competency they retired to Denison,

where her father died in 1902, and the mother six years later. They reared a family of twelve children, all of whom are now living. Mrs. Hopp had two children by her former marriage, namely: Albert, who was born February 14, 1899; and William, born December 14, 1903.

Mr. Hopp gives his allegiance to the democratic party, and he and his wife are both identified with the Lutheran church. He came to America twenty-three years ago and under the friendly protection of the stars and stripes has accomplished what would have been practically impossible in his native land. He has met with deserved reward for his labors and is known as a patriotic and liberty-loving citizen, who has set a worthy example for his children, training them to become active and useful members of society. He has many friends who admire him because of his upright and manly character.

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#### EVERETT W. PIERCE.

It is doubtful whether any other man in Denison stands higher in the respect of the community than Everett W. Pierce whose name introduces this review. For twenty years he has been identified with the First National Bank of this city, of which he is bookkeeper, and previous to that time he gained an honorable position both as a school teacher and as a business man.

He was born at Sterling, Illinois, December 10, 1853, a son of Ezekiel and Hannah (Mills) Pierce, the former of whom was a native of New York and the latter of New Jersey. The father was a carpenter in early manhood but later became a farmer. He removed to Sterling in 1845 and later to a farm near Fulton, but passed away at Morrison, Illinois, in 1907, at the age of eighty-five years. The mother is still living and is seventy-eight years of age. She is a Universalist in religious faith, as was also her husband.

Perry Pierce, the paternal grandfather of our subject, learned the carpenter's trade, but later devoted his attention to farming. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, and was twice married, being the father of two children, Ezekiel and Mary, by his first marriage, and five by his second, Lucy, Gordon, Elvira, David and Diana. Stacy Mills, the grandfather on the maternal side, was of English Quaker stock and was born in New Jersey. He was a weaver by trade and his father was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and also of the French and Indian war. He died at the age of fifty-four years and was the father of three children, Peter, Hannah and Elizabeth.

There were ten children in the family of Ezekiel and Hannah Pierce, eight of whom grew to maturity, namely: William H., now of Butte, Montana; Everett W., the subject of this review; Anna L., now the widow of Anson Baker, of Morrison, Illinois; Fred and Frank, twins, the former of whom is deceased, while the latter makes his home near Spokane, Washington; Mary, deceased; Clarence, who is living near Fulton, Illinois, on the old homestead; and Carrie, who passed away soon after reaching womanhood.

Everett W. Pierce was reared under the favoring conditions of country life and received his preliminary education in the district schools, later attending

college at Fulton for five terms, the institution then being known as the Northern Illinois College. He began his business career as a school teacher and was engaged for two terms in the locality where he was reared and for three years in Crawford county, Iowa, also becoming principal of the Dow City public schools, which position he filled most creditably for two years. However, he came to the conclusion that business life offered more favorable inducements than the schoolroom and he entered the hardware business at Dow City, in which he continued for twelve years and attained a gratifying measure of success. Since 1890 he has been connected with the First National Bank of this city and, possessing natural ability, discernment and practical experience, he has shown himself to be eminently qualified for the position he occupies.

On the 17th of July, 1878, Mr. Pierce was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Gibson, who was born in Huron county, Ontario, Canada, a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Shillington) Gibson, the former of whom was born in Canada and the latter in the north of Ireland, being a member of a Protestant family. They came to Crawford county, Iowa, and took up their residence near Dow City, where the mother passed away in 1878. The father survived his faithful companion for thirty-one years, departing this life in 1909. There were three children in their family: Robert H.; Margaret, the wife of Frank McHenry; and Lydia. Two children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce: Faith E., who married William Rhodenbaugh and died March 26, 1904; and Foster H., who married Annie M. Reynolds and is now a veterinary surgeon and state deputy at Faulkton, South Dakota.

Mr. Pierce is a man of genial traits and pleasing personality and in the discharge of his business responsibilities has shown a fidelity that meets the hearty approval of the officers and patrons of the bank. As a citizen he is patriotic and ever willing to lend a hand in forwarding any worthy object. He and his estimable wife are both active workers in the Methodist church, of which he is steward and class leader.

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#### OTTO E. CLAUSON.

Among the young business men of Crawford county who are every year advancing to greater responsibilities is Otto E. Clauson of Kiron. He has from the beginning of his business career shown an ability and interest in his work which gives bright promise as to the future. He was born in Stockholm township, August 9, 1876, son of C. F. and Kathrine (Johnson) Clauson, mention of whom is made in the sketch of Edward Clauson, elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Clauson of this review grew to manhood under the paternal roof and attended the district schools, where he secured the foundation of an education that has assisted him very materially in his contact with the world. At eighteen years of age he began farming on his own account by renting part of his father's land, which he cultivated industriously for seven years. He then purchased twenty acres in Stockholm township and also a house and lot in Kiron. In 1904 he took up his residence in town and entered into partnership with his brother in the

furniture and undertaking business. They also handle real estate, and as they are active and efficient and pay close attention to the needs of their patrons, they have attained a gratifying measure of prosperity.

In 1901 Mr. Clauson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Lundberg, who was born in Sweden, a daughter of John and Anna Lundberg. The parents came to this country and located in Sac county, Iowa, where the father is now living, the beloved mother having passed away in 1910. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clauson, namely: Leslie Myron, and Eveline and Emma, both of whom are deceased. In 1904 the mother of these children was called from earthly scenes and in 1905 Mr. Clauson was married to Miss Alfena Lillieholm, who was born in Rockford, Illinois, and is a daughter of A. F. Lillieholm.

Politically, Mr. Clauson ever since reaching manhood has given his support to the republican party. He has taken quite an active and influential part in public affairs, serving as assistant postmaster of Kiron for six years and as mail carrier for three years. He has also held the office of justice of the peace and school director of Stockholm township and was a member of the town council of Kiron for six years. He is not connected with any religious denomination but his wife is a valued member of the Free Mission church. He readily makes friends as he has a genial address and pleasing manner and possesses in a high degree the warm regard of all with whom he associates.

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#### HENRY KROHNKE.

Henry Krohnke, a well-to-do and influential agriculturist of Crawford county, where he owns five hundred and sixty acres of land and engages in general farming and stock-raising, was born in Germany, February 26, 1851, a son of Hans and Annie (Bergman) Krohnke, the other surviving members of the family being Claus and Jurgen, both of whom reside in Schleswig; and Maggie, who married John Petersen and lives in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Sophia is deceased. Both of the parents lived and died in the fatherland.

Henry Krohnke emigrated to the United States in 1869, when he was seventeen years old, and located on a farm near Davenport, Iowa, where he worked until attaining his majority, when he rented sixty acres of land and cultivated it for two years. He then bought a threshing machine, running it for one year, and in 1875 he removed to Crawford county, where he divided his time between operating a thresher and breaking wild land. He broke the prairie land upon which the county poor farm was formerly situated. In 1888 he purchased eighty acres of land, to which he subsequently added other lands until his holding now amounts to five hundred and sixty acres.

On November 2, 1876, Mr. Krohnke was united in marriage to Annie Suckstorf, a daughter of Henry and Maggie (Krueger) Suckstorf, who were the parents of ten children, of whom the following survive: Henry, residing in Schleswig; Dora, the wife of Adolph Rickers, of Crawford county; August and John, of Bloomfield, Nebraska; and Annie. The deceased members of the family are Nicholas and George, besides three who died in infancy. The union of

Mr. and Mrs. Krohnke has been blessed with four children, namely: Augusta, who became the wife of William Bumann and resides in Bloomfield, Nebraska; John, who lives in Crawford county; Mattie, the wife of William Bielenberg, of Crawford county; and Amelia, who lives at home with her parents.

Mr. Krohnke has taken an active interest in politics, giving his support to the democratic party, and he has held a number of township offices. He attends the Lutheran church, to which he is a liberal contributor. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Sons of Harmony. He has resided on his present farm for nearly a quarter of a century and deserves much credit for the part he took in helping to reclaim this district for the uses of civilization. He is widely and favorably known throughout the community by reason of his long residence here, and the success he has gained is the merited reward of his own labor and indefatigable industry.

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### EDWARD DEWEY.

At the venerable age of eighty-five years Edward Dewey is now living retired at his home in West Side, Crawford county, Iowa, where he is enjoying the income derived from his former investments in agricultural lands. He was born November 11, 1826, in Deerfield, Oneida county, New York, a son of Zelolas and Mehitabel (Roberts) Dewey, in whose family were seven children, namely: Albert and Leander, both deceased; Edward, of this review; Truman, a resident of Buffalo, New York, who died in 1911; Maria, the deceased wife of James O'Brien, of Oneida county; Mary, who wedded James Rawley and made her home in Chicago, but is now deceased; and Charles, also deceased. Both parents died in New York.

When twenty-two years old Edward Dewey rented a part of the old homestead, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres in Oneida county, New York, which he continued to cultivate until the death of his parents when, their property being divided among the children, he sold his share and moved to Huntley, Illinois. There he bought eighty acres of land, upon which he lived for several years, and then, in 1876, he came to Crawford county, Iowa, and purchased two hundred and sixty acres, where he continued to be actively engaged in general farming and stock-raising until his retirement in 1904. In that year he sold his farm and came to West Side, where he purchased a lot and erected the comfortable home in which he now resides.

Mr. Dewey has been twice married, his first wife being Roxanna Coffin, a native of Herkimer county, New York, to whom he was united March 4, 1847. By this union three children were born, two of whom survive, namely: Maurice, who lives in West Side, Iowa; and Clifford, who makes his home in Florida. Roxanna, the third in order of birth, is deceased. In March, 1859, Mr. Dewey was married to Miss Mary Smith, of Huntley, Illinois, who was second in order of birth in a family of four children, the others being Henry, a resident of Illinois; Caleb, deceased; and Adeline, who married Henry Transue, of Dundee, Illinois. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey, namely: Eu-



gene, who located in South Dakota; Harriet, who married Frank Wagner, of Boone, Iowa; Lily, who became the wife of James Roxborough and resides in Council Bluffs; Georgia, the wife of Herman Mum, of Bellingham, Washington.

Politically Mr. Dewey has always been a stanch republican and in religion he was reared in the faith of the Universalist church. He is now enjoying a well earned rest after a long period of intense activity, his energy and perseverance making possible the success which now enables him to live in ease and comfort.

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### WILLIAM BERTRAM.

Another of the many sons of Germany who have contributed largely to the development of the natural resources of Crawford county is William Bertram, who owns an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Washington township. He was born in Oldenburg on the 20th of October, 1858, and is a son of John and Sophia (Thompson) Bertram. The parents were also natives of the same place and there the father died in 1869, the mother having passed away some time previously. Unto them were born the following children: Antoinette, still living in Germany; Johanna, who passed away in 1909; John, deceased; Hendrica, also living in the fatherland; William, our subject; Wilhelmina, residing in New York city; George, who died in 1908; and Sophia, who lives in Germany.

William Bertram acquired his education in the common schools of his native land and after laying aside his text-books he assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm, remaining under the paternal roof until he had passed the twenty-fifth anniversary of his birth. At that time, however, he felt convinced that conditions in the United States must be much more favorable for an ambitious young man than in Europe so took passage for America. He landed in Baltimore, where he remained for three weeks, and then went to Newark, New Jersey. After a residence of eight months in the latter city he started westward, his destination being Macon county, Illinois, at which place he obtained employment for two months. At the end of that time he went to Smith Center, Kansas, and after living there for two years he came to Crawford county, Iowa, first locating at Denison. The first year he was here he worked as a farm hand but on the expiration of that period his accumulated savings enabled him to begin farming for himself. He cultivated rented land for seven years and then bought his present place. Then, as now, he possessed those qualities of thrift, energy and determination, which always make for success in any vocation, and consequently he added to his original tract from time to time until now his realty holdings aggregate two hundred and forty acres, one hundred and sixty of which are on section 20, Washington township, and the remaining eighty on section 29.

On the 1st of March, 1889, Mr. Bertram married Miss Marie Louisa Kunz, who is also a native of Germany, born in Abenrade, Schleswig-Holstein, October 31, 1866. Her parents were Andreas and Augusta (Lorenzen) Kunz, who spent their early life in the fatherland and came to the United States in 1881,

locating in Denison, Iowa. Here the father passed away on the 28th of April, 1907, at the age of seventy-eight years, but the mother is still living in Denison, at the age of seventy-six. Mrs. Bertram has three sisters and one brother, namely: Amelia, the wife of William Schiernbeck, of Davenport; Nicolina, the wife of William Vondohlen, of Denison; Augusta, the wife of John Schnoor, also of Denison; and Andreas, a resident of Granite, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Bertram have ten children: Augusta, the wife of William Barkhoff, of Logan, Iowa; Emma, who lives in Oklahoma; and William, John, Sophia, Bertha, Minnie, George, Henry and Mary, all at home.

The family attend the services of the Lutheran church, of which denomination the parents are communicants. Ever since acquiring the rights of franchise through naturalization, Mr. Bertram has given his political allegiance to the republican party, as the principles of that organization most nearly conform to his ideas of a government best adapted to subserve the interests of the majority. He takes an active interest in all local political matters and at present is serving as township trustee. He is one of the many young men who have come to the United States and, unfamiliar with either the language or customs, by his industry, resolution and persistence has won a position which makes him worthy of the esteem and respect of the community where he is residing.

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#### W. A. GARNER, M. D.

Although in practice at Kiron only four years, Dr. W. A. Garner has gained in a remarkable degree the confidence of the people and it is doubtful whether any other young physician in country practice in Iowa has made greater headway in an equal length of time. His success may be ascribed to his devotion to his profession and the close and conscientious attention he gives to his patients. He possessed excellent advantages of education and training which have proved of very great value in the difficult vocation to which he is devoting the best energies of his life.

He was born in Cedar county, Iowa, July 2, 1877, a son of Pearl and Mary (Cory) Garner. The father is a native of Maryland and the mother of New York state. They came to Iowa about the '50s, and are now living in Ida county. There were six children in their family, namely: J. E., of Ida county; Grace, the wife of Clyde Barrett; Ralph; Eva; Dwight; and W. A., the subject of this review.

After receiving his preliminary education in the public schools, Dr. Garner graduated from the Academy of Sac City and later entered Des Moines College at Des Moines, graduating with the degree of B. S. Having decided upon a professional career, he went to Chicago, where he was graduated in medicine in 1905, attaining such a high standing in his class that he was given the advantages of internship and was able to make practical application of the principles in which he had been instructed by a number of the leading physicians and surgeons of America. Since 1907 he has engaged in active practice at Kiron

and has attained a reputation as one of the highly successful physicians in this part of the county.

Dr. Garner still enjoys the freedom of bachelorhood. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party but has no desire for the honors and emoluments of public office, preferring to devote his entire attention to his profession. Fraternally he is connected with Wheeler Lodge, No. 398, A. F. & A. M., and the lodge of the Yeomen of the World at Odebolt. Young, ambitious to gain an honored place in his calling and endowed with a fair share of confidence in himself, there is no reason why he should not attain high rank in the medical world. It is men of this stamp that reach the front and become leaders not only in the professions but in business, politics and all the honorable employments of modern civilization.

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#### F. W. LUETH.

Thrift and energy have been the prominent factors in the success of F. W. Lueth, who has acquired four hundred and twenty acres of land in Nishnabotny township. He is a native of the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, his natal day being the 19th of January, 1844. His parents were Frederick and Dorothea (Doss) Lueth, also natives of Germany, in which country the mother passed away, but in 1881 the father emigrated to the United States, making his home with his two sons, F. W. and Henry, until his demise. They were the parents of six children: Deitlief, who is a resident of Germany; Dorothea, deceased; F. W., our subject; Anna, of Germany; Henry, who is living in Nebraska; and Maggie, also a resident of Germany.

F. W. Lueth was reared in the parental home, acquiring his education in the common schools of his native land, of which he continued to be a resident until he had attained his twenty-fifth year. Having become dissatisfied with the limited possibilities of the old world, in March, 1869, he took passage for the United States, feeling confident that he should find here the opportunities for which he was seeking. Making his way westward he first located in Clinton county, Iowa, where he continued to reside for six years. At the expiration of that period he removed to Carroll county, remaining there until 1883, at which time he came to Crawford county. Three years before settling here he had purchased eighty acres of prairie, which formed the nucleus of his present homestead. He immediately broke the land and placed it under cultivation and had begun to erect a house and outbuildings before leaving Carroll county. General farming and the breeding of graded stock has claimed his attention, but he is also an extensive feeder of cattle and hogs. He has met with success in his various ventures and as a result has added forty acres to his homestead, in addition to which he also owns eighty acres on section 25, Nishnabotny township, and a fourth of section 36. All of the necessary improvements have been made upon the latter place, which is now occupied by his son.

Mr. Lueth's plans for a home of his own had their culmination in his marriage in 1875 to Miss Augusta Wensel, a native of Germany, and they have be-

come the parents of seven children: William, who is a resident of Nishnabotny township; Emma; Emmiel; Richard; Delilah, who is the wife of William Haynes, of Denison; Hulda; and John. All of the children with the exception of the eldest son and Mrs. Haynes are living at home.

Although he was confirmed in the Lutheran church when a boy in Germany, Mr. Lueth is not now identified with any denomination. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and he is also a member of the Germania Society at Manilla. Ever since naturalization conferred upon him the right of suffrage, he has given his political support to the candidates of the democratic party until within the last two years, when he transferred his allegiance to the republican party. He has always taken an active interest in civic affairs, having served as road supervisor for six or eight years. Mr. Lueth came to America with a very limited capital and although there have been difficulties and obstacles in his path, he has resolutely overcome them, carrying to a successful issue everything he has ever undertaken, and as a result he is rated as one of the substantial agriculturists of the county.

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#### FERDINAND FREDERICK RANNIGER.

Among the capable dairymen of Crawford county must be mentioned Ferdinand Frederick Ranniger, who resides on an eighty-acre tract in Denison township. He was born in Clinton county, Iowa, on the 2d of December, 1879, a son of Frederick and Augusta (Grage) Ranniger. In their family were three children, but two of whom attained maturity. Ferdinand Frederick, our subject and Anna, who became the wife of W. H. Rule of Crawford county. The eldest child died in infancy.

The boyhood and youth of Ferdinand Frederick Ranniger were spent in the paternal home and were largely devoted to the acquirement of an education. After completing the course of the common schools he engaged in teaching, following that occupation for five years. At the expiration of that period he bought eighty acres of land in Denison township, where he continues to reside, engaging in dairying and raising thoroughbred hogs.

On the 4th of April, 1906, Mr. Ranniger was united in marriage to Miss Merle Merab Smith, a daughter of M. N. and Loretta G. (Higley) Smith, of Denison. Her parents were among the early settlers of Iowa and removed from the eastern part of the state to Crawford county with an ox team in 1873. They were en route to Kansas, but one of their sons having the misfortune to break his leg they were forced to stop at Arcadia until he recovered, during which period they decided to become permanent residents of this county and so located upon a forty-acre farm, which they bought in the northeastern part of Denison township. They cultivated this property until 1887, at which time the town of Manilla began to boom, and on disposing of their farm they removed there. While residing in Manilla they lost two of their children with typhoid fever, following which they removed to Denison, where they continued to reside until Mrs. Smith passed away in 1907, at the age of sixty-eight. Mr. Smith

subsequently went to Wisconsin and he continues to reside at Wautoma, that state. Seven children were born unto them, but the two eldest, Bird V. and Vinnie, are deceased. The others are: May V., the wife of A. G. Bagge, of Fonda, Iowa; Hope, who married Professor G. N. Knight, of Salina, Kansas, and is now deceased; Iva H., who is connected with the Crawford County State Bank of Denison; Glen H., deceased; and Merle, the wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Ranniger have become the parents of two children: Clifford Earl, born on the 10th of May, 1907; and Howard, whose birth occurred on the 14th of July, 1910.

The religious views of Mr. and Mrs. Ranniger conform to those of the Methodist Episcopal denomination in which they hold membership. Being an advocate of the principles of republicanism, Mr. Ranniger gives his support to the men and measures of that party, but not caring for public honors or the emoluments of office he never actively participates in affairs of a governmental nature.

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#### ADAM BOHLANDER.

A residence of sixteen years has been sufficient to cause Adam Bohlander, who owns three hundred acres of land on section 24, Nishnabotny township, to be recognized as one of the representative farmers of Crawford county. He was born in Cook county, Illinois, on the 18th of December, 1850, and is a son of John G. and Catherine (Gloss) Bohlander. The parents were natives of Germany, from which country they emigrated to the United States in 1832. They were among the pioneer settlers of Cook county, having located there immediately upon their arrival in this country, continuing to make it their home until about 1855 or 1856, at which time they removed to Du Page county, Illinois. The mother passed away in 1852 and the father in 1861. Seven children were born to them, the son Adam being the youngest. The others are: John G., Sr., a resident of Hinsdale, Illinois; Peter, who is living in the same place; Mary, the wife of Rudolph Pfister, of Brookfield, Missouri; Margaret, deceased; and Phillip, who was a veteran of the Civil war; and Henry, also deceased.

Adam Bohlander remained in Cook county, Illinois, until he was twelve years old, acquiring his education in the common schools. He saw both Chicago fires and relates many interesting reminiscences of the great fire of 1871, the light from which was so brilliant that it was possible to read a newspaper with perfect ease at his home. Before this he had moved to Du Page county, where he continued to reside until 1877 or 1878, when he went to Creston, Illinois, where he remained for a year, and then went to Pottawattamie county, Iowa. After spending three years in the latter place he removed to Shelby county, Iowa, coming from there to Crawford county in 1893, where he has lived continuously since. When Mr. Bohlander took up his residence in this county he first located upon a farm a mile and a half north of Manilla, where he resided until five years ago, when he removed to town. During the entire period of his active life he has been identified with agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with

success, having acquired a fine farm of three hundred acres on section 24, Nishnabotny township, and a very pleasant residence in Manilla, and he is now able to live retired enjoying the mental and physical ease assured by a comfortable income.

In 1874 in Du Page county, Illinois, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Bohlander and Miss Dora A. Niemann, and unto them have been born five children: Alfred, who is a resident of Norfolk, Nebraska; Lewis, of Nishnabotny township; Frank, of the same place; Bertha, the wife of Gustave Lapel, living north of Manilla; and Emma, who is at home and is engaged in teaching school.

His political support Mr. Bohlander always accorded the democratic party until the adoption of the "sixteen to one" platform, following which he transferred his allegiance to the republican party. Although he takes an interest in civic affairs, he has never held any official position save that of school director. Left an orphan at the age of twelve years, Mr. Bohlander is entirely a self-made man, having attained the position he holds today through his own unaided efforts. He has a very high sense of integrity and justice and takes great pride in being able to say that he has never either been under arrest nor sued.

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#### FRED JESCHKE.

Fred Jeschke, who owns one hundred and eighty-one acres of highly cultivated land on section 4, Hanover township, was born in Chicago, Illinois, on the 13th of July, 1871, and is a son of Gustave and Mary (Ebert) Jeschke. The parents were born in Germany but emigrated to the United States with their respective parents when children and located in Chicago, where they met and were married. In 1878 they removed to Crawford county, Iowa, and settled on a farm, a portion of which is now included in the homestead of their son Fred. The father operated his land until his retirement in 1900. When he withdrew from active farming he removed to Ricketts, Iowa, where he continued to make his home until his demise in 1908. His widow is still living at the age of fifty-nine years and now resides in Chicago. They were the parents of two children besides our subject. The eldest, Albert, died at the age of three years, and the whereabouts of the other son, R. C., are unknown.

Fred Jeschke was only seven years of age when his parents located in Crawford county and his education was acquired in the district schools of Iowa. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years of age and then began working for himself. He had already decided to follow the vocation of farming, feeling that it offered better opportunities, while it was the occupation to which he was best adapted by training, so he rented land which he cultivated for two years. At the end of that period he took charge of the old homestead for his father and has ever since continued to reside there. During the period of his occupancy he has added to his original tract and improved it and his is now one of the valuable properties of the township. Besides his general farming Mr. Jeschke feeds stock, in fact he consumes all of the grain he raises in that manner.

In 1895 Mr. Jeschke and Miss Amelia John were united in marriage. Mrs. Jeschke is also a native of Chicago, having been born in that city in 1879, a daughter of Carl and Bertha (Kruse) John, who were also natives of Germany. They located in Chicago when they first came to the United States, and in 1878 they removed to Crawford county, Iowa, and settled on a farm near Charter Oak, where they lived until their retirement. In 1908 they took up their residence in Charter Oak, where they are still living, the father having passed the seventy-third milestone in life's journey. They are the parents of the following children: Amelia, the wife of Fred Jeschke; Lizzie, who married Carl Kutschinski, of Crawford county; Charles, who is a resident of the same county; Ida, the wife of George Fogle, also of the same county; Bertha, the wife of Fred Messenbrink, of Crawford county; Annie, who is at home; Lena, the wife of Albert Stressel, residing in this county; Otto, who lives in Charter Oak; and Minnie, Matilda and Bernhard, all three of whom are living at home.

Seven children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Jeschke, as follows: Gustave, who was born on the 27th of February, 1896; Bernhard, born on the 5th of August, 1898; Otto, born on the 20th of December, 1899; Carl, born on the 14th of May, 1902; Edna, born on the 20th of May, 1905; William, born on the 26th of August, 1906; and Herman, born on the 24th of August, 1908.

The family attend the Lutheran church, with which the parents are identified by membership. Ever since attaining his majority Mr. Jeschke has always supported the candidates of the democratic party. He takes an active interest in all local politics and has been elected to various offices, the duties of which he has faithfully and competently discharged. He was constable for four years and justice of the peace eight, and at the present time he is serving as township trustee. He is one of the progressive citizens of his community and has many friends by whom he is highly regarded.

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#### PETER FREDERICK JEPSEN.

Thirty-six years ago Peter Frederick Jepsen came to Crawford county. He was then a young man of twenty-eight years and by education and experience well qualified to note the agricultural possibilities of this county. He applied himself diligently to his chosen occupation and today is one of the large landowners of the county and one of its most respected citizens. Born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, January 13, 1847, he is the son of John and Elsobao (Peter-sen) Jepsen. The father was a weaver by trade and followed that occupation in early life but later engaged in farming. Seeking to improve his condition he emigrated to the new world in 1869 and spent six years in Clinton county, Iowa. In the spring of 1875 he came to Crawford county and bought a section of land in Goodrich township, upon which he took up his residence, becoming one of the well known farmers of that section. He died in 1878 at the age of sixty-two years. The mother of our subject departed this life in 1865, being then forty-eight years of age. She and her husband were both members of the

Lutheran church. He was greatly respected by his neighbors and friends and was mayor of the village of Jagel in Germany.

John Jepsen, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a weaver and small farmer and devoted his attention to teaching during the winter seasons. He married Margaretta Jepsen and there were four children in their family: Jurgen, John, Claus and Margaretta. The maternal grandfather was Peter Petersen, a farmer in the fatherland, whose wife was Qbel Petersen. He died in middle life but Mrs. Petersen lived to be about eighty years of age. There were seven children in their family, namely: Henry, Claus, Detloff, Peter, Elizabeth, Elsobao and Kathrina. Seven sons came to bless the union of John and Elsobao Jepsen: John, now living in this county; Peter Frederick, the subject of this review; Henry and Hans, both deceased; Frederick, of Goodrich township; August, deceased; and Jurgen.

Peter Frederick Jepsen was reared upon a farm in Germany and early became acquainted with the business to which he has devoted a large part of his life. He received his education in his native land, and, being an ambitious young man, he decided at twenty years of age to seek his fortune in America. Accordingly, in 1867, he crossed the ocean and settled in Clinton county, Iowa, but later spent one year on a farm in Dakota. In the fall of 1875 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Goodrich township, Crawford county, which he improved to good advantage, making it one of the valuable farms of the township. As years passed he showed remarkable ability in the acquisition of land and he now owns nine hundred and sixty acres in Goodrich township, also one hundred and twenty acres in Milford township, one hundred and seventy-eight acres in East Boyer township, and six hundred and forty acres in Hayes township. He has sold a farm of one hundred and twenty acres and in addition to land heretofore designated he owns one hundred and ninety-one acres near Dunlop in Harrison county. He now has all told two thousand and ninety nine acres. In 1904 he removed to Denison, where he has since lived retired.

On the 10th of October, 1867, Mr. Jepsen was united in marriage to Miss Anna Laumbach, who was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, October 10, 1842, a daughter of Henry and Wiekpe (Utermann) Laumbach, her parents being also natives of Germany. The father died in 1857 and the mother in 1864, aged forty-two and forty-eight years respectively. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Jepsen was Hans Utermann, and his wife before her marriage was Margaretta Herringsen. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Jepsen has been blessed by the birth of nine children, five sons and four daughters, as follows: Anna married William Gehring of Hanover township and has three children, William, Edward and Otilia. Johan, a farmer of Goodrich township, married Maria Nath and has two children, Peter and Anna. Peter, also a farmer of Goodrich township, married Margaretta Schroeder, by whom he had three children, Emma, Peter and Walter and Hilda. Carolina married Martin Saggan and has seven children, to this union, Elizabeth and Edna. Elsobao married Joannas Saggan and they have five sons, Henry, Hogel, Martin, Edward and Harry. Henry, a farmer of East Boyer township, married Marie Hallender and they have two children, Walter and Hilda. Carolina married Martin Saggan and has seven children, Emma, Anna, Carolina, Joannas, Bernhard, Marie and Martin. Jurgen, of Good-



rich township, married Anna Johansen and is the father of three children, Wilhelmina, Albert and Johan. Julius, also of Goodrich township, married Anna Rassow and has three children, Martin, Otilla and Malinda. Emma, now living at Denison, married Henry Nath and is the mother of two children, Henry and Edna.

Mr. and Mrs. Jepsen are consistent members of the Lutheran church and active workers in its behalf. Politically, Mr. Jepsen is in sympathy with the democratic party and gives his earnest support to its principles and candidates. He is a good friend of education and served for five years as member of the school board of Goodrich township and for a number of years as township trustee and school treasurer. By an industrious and straightforward life he years ago gained an established reputation for integrity and fidelity to duty and his personal worth is fully demonstrated by the esteem in which he is held by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in Crawford and adjoining counties.

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### JOHN E. JOHNSTON.

John E. Johnston, deceased, who for more than thirty years was a citizen of Crawford county and died on a farm in this county in 1902, was a native of Sweden. He was reared and educated in the land of his birth and, believing that conditions were more favorable in America for an ambitious young man desirous of securing the best advantages available for himself and family, he crossed the ocean in 1871 and during the remainder of his life was a patriotic and useful citizen of this republic. He settled in Crawford county, Iowa, and by his industry and high character gained recognition as one of its substantial citizens. His memory is revered by all who knew him. Mrs. Johnston is still living and makes her home with her daughter in Otter Creek township. There were six children in their family, three of whom still survive.

His daughter, Hannah Johnston, who is now the owner of a well improved farm in Otter Creek township, was born in Sweden. She came to this country with her parents and grew to womanhood in Crawford county, receiving an excellent education in the public schools, and under her mother became thoroughly acquainted with the duties of the household. In 1884 she was united in marriage to C. G. Carlson, also a native of Sweden. He came to America in 1881 and located in Crawford county, where he became acquainted with his future wife. There were six children in their family, namely: Alfred B., who was born December 17, 1884, and died December 30, 1888; Selma E., who was born February 11, 1887, and is living at home; Walter S., who was born September 3, 1888, and is also at home; Agnes E., who was born September 24, 1890, and died August 16, 1896; Edith E., born March 7, 1893, and Esther M., born May 31, 1896, both of whom are at home.

The mother of these children is one of the well known residents of the county, having made her home here for many years. The home farm, which comprises one hundred and fifty-nine acres on section 2, Otter Creek township, has been greatly improved under her direction and is provided with a

handsome residence and all modern facilities for its cultivation, making it one of the desirable properties in this part of the county. She is a lady of fine intelligence and strength of character and has many friends and acquaintances who have been attracted by her sterling worth. Religiously she adheres to the Free Mission church, in which she was reared, and is an earnest worker in its behalf. She has given her children liberal advantages of education and has trained them to become useful and honorable members of society, willing at all times to perform their part in forwarding the interests of those with whom they are associated.

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#### A. A. FISHEL.

For the past thirty-one years A. A. Fishel has devoted his energies to the vocation of agriculture in Crawford county and has met with that modicum of success which comes to all who have a purpose in life. He was born in Seneca county, Ohio, near Mexico, January 12, 1858, a son of Daniel and Mary J. (Mills) Fishel, both of whom were natives of Ohio, in which state the father spent his entire life. He followed the trade of a millwright until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company A, Sixty-first Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he held the rank of corporal. He served for three years from April, 1861, and participated in many famous battles, among them being Bull Run, Gettysburg and Lookout Mountain, and was wounded in the hand just before reaching Atlanta, in an engagement at Peach Tree Creek, it being the same battle, on the same day and almost at the same hour that General McPherson was killed. He was sent home on account of his wounded hand, which remained in a crippled condition during the remainder of his life. After returning to Ohio he engaged in various occupations and during the closing years of his life was deputy postmaster at Upper Sandusky. His family came from Pennsylvania and was of German descent. Of the eight children born to him and his wife the following survive: Susan E., who became the wife of B. L. Trimble and resides in Minnesota; A. A., of this review; Jerusha E., who married J. H. Harmon and lives in Upper Sandusky, Ohio; and William, who is a banker of Dow City. The father's death occurred at Upper Sandusky in 1873, but his wife survived him until March, 1906, and her remains were interred in Dow City (Iowa) cemetery.

Mr. Fishel took advantage of the facilities offered by the public schools of Ohio in obtaining his education. He subsequently came to Crawford county, Iowa, and in 1880 entered upon his life work, which he had decided would be the pursuit of agriculture. Such was his industry and business ability that he has been able to become the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 34, Union township, upon which he has made many valuable improvements, including modern and up-to-date buildings. Here he has followed farming in all its various branches and is regarded as an authority on all subjects pertaining to the tilling of the soil.

Mr. Fishel has been twice married. His first wife was Lydia, a daughter of G. W. Huntington, of Dow City, the results of this union being two chil-

dren, namely: Norine E., who married H. Alexander and resides in Dow City; and Robert, who also lives in Dow City. Mrs. Fishel departed this life in 1898, her final resting place being Dow City cemetery. Mr. Fishel's second marriage took place in 1906, when he was united to Mrs. Lydia Click, of Denison, Iowa.

The democratic party has always had the support of Mr. Fishel, who has taken an active interest in the political affairs of his community and filled the office of township trustee for one term, at the expiration of which he was re-elected. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. During his long residence in Union township he has made many friends, who recognize in him a man of integrity, whose word is as good as his bond, and they accord him the sincere regard that such qualities so richly deserve.

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### JACOB C. PETERSEN.

Living retired from the labors of a long and active career, Jacob C. Petersen is spending his declining days in the midst of ease and plenty. He is a man of well balanced mind, who at the beginning of his business life denied himself many comforts in order to acquire a competence. This he has accomplished and he is now one of the highly respected citizens of Crawford county. He was born in Germany, February 7, 1842, a son of Fred and Anna (Keellsen) Petersen. The mother died in the old country, but the father came to America in 1884 and made his home with the subject of this review, passing away at the age of eighty-nine years. There were seven children in the family, namely: Annie, who became the wife of Hans Brotherson, of Otter Creek township, and is now deceased; Lizzie, the wife of K. Fredricksen, of Schleswig, Iowa; Ferdinand, who died in Germany; Jacob C., of this review; Doris, who married Adolph Berger, of Ida county, Iowa, and is now deceased; Gusta, now the wife of Peter Petersen, of Crawford county; and Friedericka G., who became the wife of Thomas Petersen, of Ida county, and is now deceased.

Jacob C. Petersen was reared in Germany and educated in the public schools of his native land. At the age of twenty-seven years, having decided that more favorable openings were presented in America than could be expected in a thickly settled country, he crossed the ocean and in 1869 came to Davenport, Iowa. In 1873 he removed to Crawford county and purchased eighty acres, which he cultivated to such good advantage that he acquired funds by which he was enabled to increase his farm to two hundred and eighty acres. He engaged in general farming and stock-raising, and as he paid close attention to his business and used excellent judgment, he met with deserved success. In 1903 he retired to Schleswig and is now living in a comfortable residence which was erected under his directions.

On the 2d of December, 1872, Mr. Petersen was united in marriage to Miss Annie Holst, a daughter of John F. and Christina (Lassen) Holst, who were the parents of five children, namely: Annie, now Mrs. Jacob C. Petersen; Mag-

gie, the wife of John Haas of Mapleton, Monona county, Iowa; John F., of Denison; Christina, wife of John Witt, of Paradise township; and Marie, who became the wife of John Oeser, of West Side, Iowa, and both of them are deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Petersen seven children were born, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Agnes, now the wife of E. Wollman, of Otter Creek township; Christina, the wife of Carl Bell, of Schleswig; Maggie, now Mrs. E. Bielenberg, of Morgan township; Annie, wife of Morris Dellfisen, of Crawford county; Fred, also of Crawford county; and Hannah, wife of August Rienking, of Ida county.

Politically Mr. Petersen gives his support to the democratic party and is a staunch believer of its principles. He has served in all the minor township offices and also as trustee and justice of the peace. In discharging his duties as a public officer he evinced the same interest and ability that he has exercised in private affairs, thus gaining the confidence of all who know him. His success in his life vocation has been due to his strict probity and sagacity and the systematic manner in which he conducted his work. He is exceedingly popular with his neighbors who recognize that he possesses many generous and noble qualities.

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#### GUSTAV SCHREIBER.

Among the German-American citizens of Crawford county are to be found many of its most prosperous people. In numerous instances they owe their fortunate condition almost entirely to their own industry and application. Gustav Schreiber, who owns a beautiful farm in Soldier township, is a native of Germany and has by the good use of opportunities attained in his adopted state a gratifying measure of success.

He was born February 11, 1871, a son of Ferdinand and Louisa (Strohfeldt) Schreiber, both of whom were born in Germany. They came to America with their family, arriving in this country, February 22, 1888. After spending eight years in Chicago, Illinois, they removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they lived for one and one-half years, when death visited the household and the beloved mother was called away. The father and one of the sons, Gustav, came to Crawford county, Iowa, and here he lived, making his home with his son until he was called away in 1901. There were four children in the family: Augusta, now the wife of Herman Semlor, of Chicago; Carl, of Crawford county; Gustav, the subject of this review; and William, who died at the age of twenty-nine years.

Gustav Schreiber crossed the ocean with his parents at the age of seventeen, having previously secured his school education in his native land. At the age of twenty-six he bought eighty acres in Soldier township, Crawford county, which he cultivated to good advantage for eight years, selling it at a price much in advance of its cost. He then purchased land on section 22 of the same township and has shown such good judgment in his work that at the present time he is the owner of two hundred and forty acres, one of the most productive properties of its area in this part of the county.

On September 16, 1897, Mr. Schreiber was united in marriage to Miss Emma Kroll, who was born in Chicago, December 10, 1878, a daughter of Gustav and Augusta (Scheeve) Kroll, both natives of Germany. They were married in Chicago and lived in that city until 1888, when they came west and settled on a farm in Crawford county, Iowa. The mother died December 24, 1907, the father passing away about three years later, on March 30, 1910. There were six children in their family, namely: Emma, now Mrs. Gustav Schreiber; William, of Woodbury county, Iowa; and Gustav, Emil, George and Clara, all residents of Crawford county. Seven children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Schreiber: Walter, who was born October 2, 1898; George, born May 31, 1900; Edwin, born November 18, 1902; Meta, born October 15, 1904; Mahala, born October 27, 1906; Otto, born September 16, 1908; and Gustav, born December 4, 1910.

Mr. Schreiber and his wife were both reared in the Lutheran church and give their earnest support to that organization. Politically he affiliates with the democratic party. From his boyhood he has recognized the value of labor in the accomplishment of any worthy purpose. He early determined to acquire a competency and with this end in view he did not hesitate to practice self-denial when it was necessary in order to get a start. He now enjoys a prosperity which he well deserves and has also assisted materially by his labors in adding to the wealth of the county. His success cannot fail to encourage ambitious young men, as the road to fortune and ease is open to all who will readily apply themselves during the early years of their business life, thus acquiring a safe foundation for permanent prosperity.

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#### CARL SCHELM.

For thirty-six years a resident of Crawford county, Carl Schelm now deceased, will be remembered as one of its successful and highly respected citizens, who won recognition through undaunted perseverance and acknowledged business ability that would have gained for him prominence in almost any community. His death, which occurred April 15, 1907, was the occasion of general regret, as he had made a host of friends and was widely known as an upright and useful citizen who was ever ready to extend a hand of helpfulness to those less fortunate than himself and to assist in promoting the happiness of those with whom he was associated.

He was born in Germany and came to America in 1867, first taking up his residence in Jackson county, Iowa. In 1871 he came to Crawford county and began working on a farm. Later he bought land in Hanover township and as the years passed became the owner of two hundred acres in that township and also a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Brown county, Nebraska. He was a man of good practical judgment in business and as he was thoroughly familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the farmer, his labors met with deserved recompense.

In 1874 Mr. Schelm was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Sutrow, and by this union four children were born, namely: Minnie, now the wife of Herman Baak, of Crawford county; Dretta, the wife of Fred Hermismayer, of Brown county, Nebraska; and William and Albert, both of whom are living in Nebraska. The mother of these children died in 1885, and Mr. Schelm was married one year later to Mrs. Frieda (Fehmerling) Kayser, who was born in Germany, January 23, 1860. By her first marriage she became the mother of two children: Carl and Elizabeth, both of whom are deceased. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schelm: Gustav, whose natal day was October 27, 1888, died at the age of one year; George W., the younger child, was born November 6, 1890, and is now living at home with his mother. He is a promising young man and is a graduate of the Denison high school, being now in attendance at the normal school.

Mr. Schelm of this review gave his support to the republican party and served in various township offices. He was a thorough farmer, paying close attention to his work, so that it was productive of highly satisfactory returns. As a citizen he was devoted to his county and state, and as the head of a family, his first thought was always for those he loved. His remains were interred in Hanover cemetery and a suitable monument marks the grave as a testimonial from his wife and son. Mrs. Schelm and her son still own the farms in Iowa and Nebraska and also a handsome residence in Denison, which is the family home. They visited Germany and remained for six months amidst scenes with which she was familiar in her earlier years. She is now permanently located at Denison and has many friends and acquaintances in this city.

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#### JOHN T. WALSH.

A highly improved farm of one hundred and eighty acres in West Side township is evidence of the energy and ability of John T. Walsh, who is recognized as one of the progressive men of his section. His success has been due to a laudable ambition and an unalterable perseverance which are important elements in his character. He is a native of Livingston county, Illinois, born June 10, 1869, and is a son of James E. and Honora (Breen) Walsh, both of whom were born in Ireland. The father came to America in 1850 and was married in Illinois to Miss Honora Breen. Later he came with his family to Crawford county, Iowa, and he and his wife are now living at Vail, the former having reached the age of seventy-six, while the latter is seventy-seven years of age. They are the parents of four children.

John T. Walsh received his early education in the common schools and later had the advantage of attending the high school. He continued at home until arriving at maturity and then, having decided to devote his attention to agricultural pursuits, he began farming upon his own account. He has applied himself to such excellent advantage that he now owns one hundred and eighty acres of land on sections 29 and 32, West Side township, all of which is under admirable cultivation and capable of producing large crops. Everything about

the place is in good order and denotes that he has prospered in his calling and is in comfortable circumstances. He raises various grains, but makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock for the market.

On May 21, 1907, Mr. Walsh was united in marriage to Miss Alice Coughlin, who was born in Canada, a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Quinn) Coughlin. The father was born in Ireland and the mother in Canada. She is now deceased, but Mr. Coughlin is living at Dunlap, Iowa. There were eleven children in their family, eight of whom survive. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walsh: Maurice Francis Carroll, who was born October 19, 1909; and James P., who was born April 17, 1910, and died July 6 following.

Mr. Walsh may be designated as a self-made man, as he has attained a gratifying degree of financial prosperity entirely through his own efforts. He is recognized as the possessor of clear judgment and sound business ability, and as he is genial and public-spirited, he enjoys the unqualified respect and esteem of those who know him. Politically he is not identified with any of the great organizations, but votes independently, preferring to be controlled by the conditions that prevail at the time of the election. Fraternally he is a valued member of Lodge No. 780, K. C., of Carroll, and has taken a great interest in the order, having filled all the chairs in the lodge. In religious belief he and his wife are Catholics.

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#### NELS P. LARSON.

Although Nels P. Larson was born in Sweden, he probably knows more about the United States than he does about his native land. He has traveled from New York to San Francisco and has also been in the south, gaining a good knowledge of the country before he finally selected Crawford county, Iowa, as his permanent home. He has seen no cause to regret his choice of a location, as he is now the owner of a beautiful farm which yields abundant annual harvests, making him practically independent financially. He was born in Sweden, February 22, 1852, a son of John and Mary Larson, mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work.

Nels P. Larson was educated in the common schools of his native land, and in 1868 came to America with his parents, stopping for a while in New York city, where he worked as a teamster. He then went to Brooklyn, where he worked in a brickyard, subsequently being attracted to South Carolina, in which state he spent two years upon a cotton plantation and in a store. He next was identified with railroad construction in Pennsylvania as teamster for a year, and during the next three or four years spent his time largely in the coal mines. Having seen considerable of the east, he turned his face westward and crossed the continent to California, where he worked in a lumberyard for three years. In 1879 he came to Crawford county, Iowa, and began farming, carrying his work forward with such success that he is now the owner of four hundred acres on sections 23, 24 and 25, Otter Creek township. He raises grain and feeds cattle and hogs for the market. He is also a stock buyer and shipper in com-

pany with N. P. Swanson of Kiron. In addition to other interests Mr. Larson is a stockholder of the Farmers Telephone Company of Kiron. As he is a man of good judgment he is recognized as one of the leading citizens in his part of the county.

On the 1st of January, 1886, Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss Christina Young, a native of Sweden and a daughter of A. P. Young. Both of her parents are deceased. Mrs. Larson came to this country with them in her infancy and was reared and educated here. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Larson has been blessed by the birth of three children, namely: Mildred, who is a graduate of music and is now living at home; Elwood L., also at home; and Louise, deceased.

Mr. Larson gives his support to the republican party and takes an active part in affairs of his township, having served as school director and as road superintendent for a number of years. He is a valued member of the camp of Modern Woodmen of America at Denison, and the Yeomen of the World at Des Moines. He and his wife were reared in the Lutheran church and are earnest supporters of that denomination. He is a man of great energy and determination, and as he possesses good business judgment, he is generally successful in his undertakings and is justly respected by all who know him.

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#### WILLIAM E. EGGERS.

As a man who has materially assisted in the development and progress of the agricultural and commercial interests of Crawford county, William E. Eggers holds a prominent position among the residents of Arion, which owes much to his individual endeavors in the behalf of its welfare. He was born in Jackson county, Iowa, near Green Island, September 3, 1863, a son of Frederick Eggers. (For ancestral history of the Eggers family, see sketch of P. J. Eggers in this volume.) When the father moved from Jackson county he was the possessor of two wagons, five horses and some cattle, and it fell to the lot of his son William E. to drive and take care of the cattle. Their journey was by way of Cedar Rapids, which was at that time but a mere village, and they forded the river there, although the water was high enough to reach the bottom of the wagon box.

William E. Eggers acquired his early education in the Lyman public school under the tutelage of Ayl Marshall. He remained on the home farm until attaining his majority, when he rented some land from his father and began the pursuit of agriculture on his own account. He later decided to embark in the live-stock business, purchasing his first carload of cattle from the man who formerly owned the place whereon he now resides, and from that time he has been an extensive feeder and shipper of high grade stock. His first personal acquisition of land was on section 13, Paradise township, comprising one hundred and twenty acres, and in 1895 he bought his present property, consisting of two hundred acres, which has the benefit of all the modern improvements that go to make an up-to-date farm. Aside from these holdings he owns two hun-



dred and eighty acres in Knox county, Nebraska. Mr. Eggers has been an important factor in the organization and maintenance of Arion's most prominent public institutions, to which he has contributed liberally of both his time and financial assistance. He is a stockholder in the Denison Hospital, one of the charter members of the Arion State Bank, of which he was a director and bank examiner, at present filling the office of vice president, and he was one of the organizers of the Crawford County Fair Association, in which he is a stockholder and a member of the board of directors and now president.

The marriage of Mr. Eggers occurred March 22, 1893, when he was united to Miss Carrie Lanser, a resident of Crawford county, and to them the following three children were born: Arthur, now sixteen years old; Ellen, fourteen years old; and Sears William, eleven years old.

The democratic party has always had the support of Mr. Eggers and for six years he has held the office of township trustee, and has been reelected for another term. Fraternally he is connected with Arion Lodge, No. 5560, Modern Woodmen of America, of which he is a charter member. In his religious faith he follows the teachings of the Lutheran church. He has always remained a resident of his native state, and his success today is the result of his early ambition to make a place for himself among his fellow citizens. Broad-minded, possessing a genial and courteous nature, his many friends extend to him the high regard which he so well merits.

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#### CHRISTIAN SCHNOOR.

Christian Schnoor, who for twenty years was closely identified with the agricultural interests of Crawford county but is now living in Schleswig, was born in Germany on the 16th of October, 1856. His parents, Jurgen and Doris (Bermaster) Schnoor, were also natives of Germany, and it was there Mrs. Schnoor passed away. The father came to America in 1874 and located in Davenport, where he continued to reside until his demise at the age of about seventy years. Four children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Schnoor, the son Christian being the youngest. The others are as follows: Henry, who is deceased; Christina, who became the wife of Hans Schmidt, of Scott county; and John, who is residing in the same place.

Christian Schnoor was but a youth of seventeen years when he left his native land, in the common schools of which he obtained his education. Upon his arrival in the United States he made his way westward and located in Davenport, Iowa, where he obtained employment as a farm hand. He continued in that occupation for seven years and during that time, by means of the sterling qualities of thrift, energy and perseverance, which characterize the Teutonic nation, acquired the means necessary to enable him to become a property owner. He therefore bought eighty acres of land on section 3, Morgan township, where he engaged in general farming. During his long years of service he had learned much of agricultural methods as pursued in America, and being an observing

man, was now able to benefit from the experience of his former employers. He used good judgment and intelligence in the direction of his work and the result was profitable returns from his harvests. He removed to Schleswig in 1901 and is now renting his farm. He owns property in Schleswig and is interested in various other things. Although he is enjoying the mental ease and physical comfort always assured by a competence, he is not leading an idle life always being busily engaged in some pursuit.

Mr. Schnoor's fraternal relations are confined to membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his political allegiance is always given to the republican party, as he considers that its policy is best adapted to subserve the interests of the majority. He does not actively participate in municipal affairs, not being an aspirant for public office, but he always complies with the requirements of good citizenship by casting a ballot at all elections. During the long period of his residence in Crawford county he has made many friends whose esteem he retains.

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### EMIL PAUTSCH.

Emil Pautsch, who is engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Hanover township, has been closely identified with the agricultural development of Crawford county for more than twenty-five years. He was born in Germany, November 29, 1869, a son of Ferdinand and Wilhelmina (Nass) Pautsch, also natives of the fatherland, who emigrated to the United States in 1870 and located in Chicago, where they continued to reside for six years. In 1876 they removed to Crawford county, Iowa, and bought a farm which they cultivated until the father's death in 1896. Mrs. Pautsch is still living and makes her home with her children. They were the parents of twelve children, four of whom died in infancy, those who lived to maturity being as follows: Theresa, the wife of Louis Green, of Charter Oak, this county; Emil, our subject; Robert, who lives in Luverne, Minnesota; George, deceased; Ida, living in Hanover township; Emma, the wife of Otto Heabner, of Hanover township; Carl, who is living on the homestead; and Bernard, also living on the homestead.

Emil Pautsch acquired his education in the common schools of Crawford county, and when he had obtained such knowledge as he deemed essential to pursue his vocation, his text-book gave place to the work of the field and he assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-four years of age, at which time he began farming for himself on a portion of his father's land, which was later given to him and forms a part of his present holdings. He engaged in general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of feeding cattle for the market, and in all of his undertakings he met with most gratifying success and as a result he was able to add to his original tract until he now owns three hundred and twenty acres of finely improved and highly cultivated land. In addition to his homestead he also owns a half section in Spink county, South Dakota, and one hundred and sixty acres in Rock county, Minnesota. He is devoting the greater

part of his time to the feeding of cattle and now has five carloads of very fine stock which he is preparing for the market.

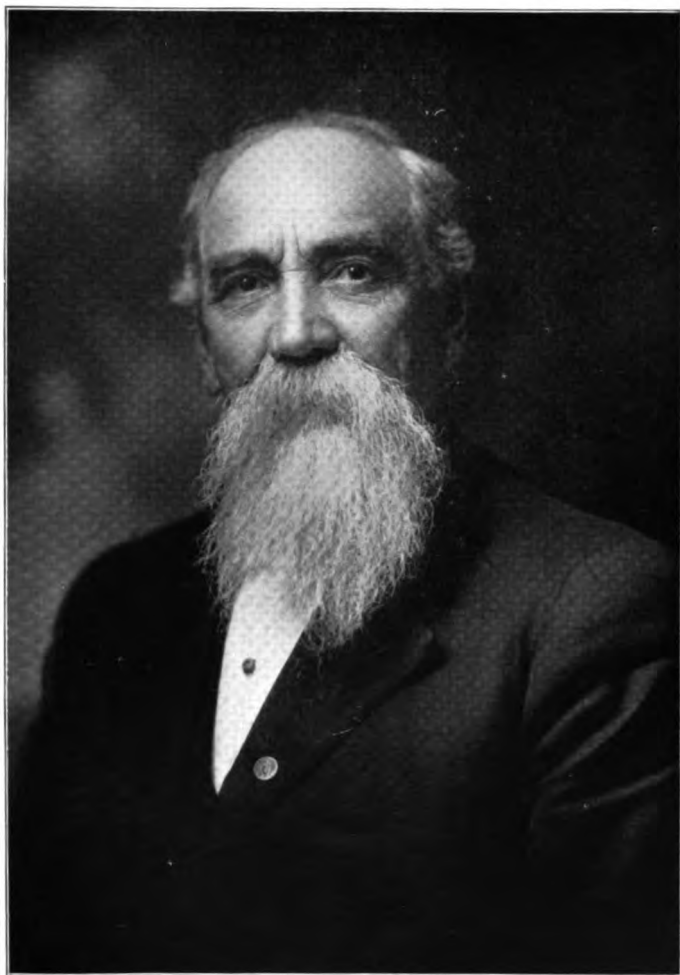
Mr. Pautsch was united in marriage to Miss Anna Lill in 1894, a daughter of August and Theresa (Reetz) Lill. She was born in Chicago on the 8th of February, 1874, but is of German extraction, her parents being natives of the fatherland. Mr. and Mrs. Lill removed to Iowa in 1879 and settled on a farm in Crawford county, which they operated until their deaths. They were thrifty, hard-working people and owned two hundred and eight acres of well cultivated land at the time of their demise. Eight children were born unto them, two of whom died in infancy, those living being as follows: John, who lives in Sioux City, this state; Anna, the wife of Emil Pautsch; Laura, who married R. Weed, of Charter Oak township; Minnie, the wife of George Pautsch, of Luverne, Minnesota; Theresa, who is unmarried and lives at Charter Oak; and August, who resides on the homestead in Charter Oak township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pautsch have been born eight children, who are as follows: Adelheid, who was born on the 8th of October, 1895; Ferdinand, born on the 2d of February, 1897; August, born on the 19th of July, 1899; Elna, born on the 3d of March, 1900; Ernest, born on the 28th of February, 1903; Alfred, born on the 5th of April, 1908; and Laura and Martin, who died in infancy.

The family attend the Lutheran church, of which denomination the parents are members. Politically Mr. Pautsch has always been identified with the democratic party, and has been elected to the office of constable for several terms, while at the present time he is a member of the board of school directors. He is one of the progressive, public-spirited citizens of his district, who during his long residence here has won the regard and esteem of the community.

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### JOHN LEE RICHARDSON.

A pioneer, a soldier and a farmer, who is now serving as state oil inspector, John Lee Richardson of Denison has led an active and useful life, in the course of which he has made many friends and materially assisted in promoting the public welfare. He was born in the village of Cassadaga, Stockton township, Chautauqua county, New York, September 6, 1837, a son of Nathan and Asenath (Johnson) Richardson, who were also natives of New York. The father, who was a farmer, was born and reared at Cooperstown, Otsego county, and removed to Palmyra, Wayne county, and from there to Chautauqua county. Subsequently, he came to Iowa and died in Linn county in 1870 at the age of seventy-one years. His first wife was Asenath Johnson, who died in Chautauqua county, New York, at the age of forty years. There were five children by that union, namely: Nancy, who married James W. Barber, of Lake county, Ohio, and is now deceased; Reuben, deceased; Jane, the wife of Samuel Whiting of Lake county, Ohio, who died in the Civil war, and she is now also deceased; John Lee, the subject of this review; and Martha, who was the wife of H. B. McKean of Linn county, Iowa, and is now deceased. After the death of his first wife the father married Mrs. Morton, by whom he had three daughters: Sarah,



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of Huron, South Dakota, who is the widow of Leander Batchelder; Abia, the widow of David Cargill, and Julia, of Polo, Linn county, Iowa, the wife of P. A. Yates. All three of their husbands were soldiers of the Civil war. The father served as teamster in the war of 1812, and he and his first wife were members of the Friends church. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Hill Richardson, a native of Massachusetts. He was a farmer and a soldier of the war of 1812. His wife was Sallie Lee, and they had eight children: Ammi, Nathan, William, Areuna, John, Freeman, Louisa, and Cynthia.

The Richardson family is of Norman origin and its history dates back to the time of William the Conquerer. Many noted names in English history were identified with this family. The first American ancestor Ezekiel Richardson, arrived in this country from England in 1630. He was soon followed by two brothers, Samuel and Thomas, and assisted in founding the town of Woburn, Massachusetts. Edward and Moses Richardson fought side by side in the Revolutionary war, and at the laying of the cornerstone of Bunker Hill monument, June 17, 1825, not even Lafayette, who was present, excited more interest than these brothers, who rode together and were the observed of all observers. Moses Richardson, another member of the family, was awakened at midnight, shouldered his musket, and at five o'clock in the morning was dead—one of the first to fall at the battle of Lexington. He with three brothers was buried in a trench in the Cambridge cemetery, and in 1870 the city of Cambridge erected a monument to the three men, upon which is inscribed, "O, what a glorious morning is this!" The coolness of Captain Israel Richardson, who was in the Mexican war, won for him the title of "Fighting Dick." The motto of the family "Trust in God" has ever sustained them, and almost without exception they have been found worthy, whether subjects of the British crown or following the stars and stripes in the land of their adoption.

John Lee Richardson was reared in Chautauqua county, New York, and came west with his parents in 1844. Subsequently, he went to the frontier of Minnesota, where he lived for six years, hunting and trapping. He also drove a government team and carried the mail on foot through a forest of one hundred and sixty miles, only one white man living on the route at Mill Lake, an Indian trader by the name of Fox. He came to visit his parents in Iowa, and while in this state enlisted in Company A, Twentieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served with great credit for three years. During the entire period he never received the slightest injury, although he participated in many important battles and never missed a march in which his regiment took part. He was present at the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, the siege of Vicksburg, in the Red River campaign under General Banks, at the siege of Fort Morgan, in the Mobile campaign, and also participated in the last fight of his regiment at the storming of the works of Fort Blakely, on the 9th of April, 1865. After receiving his honorable discharge he came home and worked upon his sister's farm in Linn county, Iowa, for several years, her husband having died in the army. He then removed to northern Missouri, where he continued for five years, but since 1874 has made his home in Crawford county, the first six years being passed upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he purchased in Soldier township.

He moved to Denison on account of his wife's health, but he still owns the farm, one of the highly improved properties of the neighborhood.

On the 14th of October, 1868, Mr. Richardson was united in marriage to Miss Mary McArthur, a daughter of James McArthur. They are both members of the Baptist church, in which he has for a number of years served as deacon. He is identified with John A. Logan Post, No. 58, G. A. R., and has been its adjutant for many years. Politically, he gives his support to the republican party. He was deputy county treasurer two years and has also served as township assessor and as assessor in Denison. For about eight years he was janitor of the North Side public school, and it is to his credit to say that he has the friendship and good-will of all the children.

Although he has passed the Psalmist's three score years and ten, he is still deeply interested in affairs both public and private and discharges his duties as state oil inspector with a fidelity that meets the general approval. As a soldier he was faithful and true and in the various relations of life he has ever attempted to perform his duty, thus meriting the high esteem in which he is held by all with whom he comes into contact.

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#### GUST SANDERS.

Coming to America twenty-four years ago, Gust Sanders has by his intelligent application won a home for himself and family and also an honorable reputation as one of the substantial and trustworthy citizens of Crawford county. He was born in Sweden, May 17, 1868, a son of John and Lena Oleson, both of whom spent their entire lives in Sweden. There were two children in their family: Gust, the subject of this review; and Axel, who is deceased.

Gust Sanders was educated in his native country and after arriving at a suitable age learned the carpenter's trade. Ambitious to see the world and also to take advantage of the opportunities presented under the favoring influences of the American republic, he came to the United States in 1887, spending the first seven years in Chicago, where he found employment at his trade. In 1894 he arrived in Crawford county, Iowa, and continued work at his trade, becoming one of the well known carpenters in this section. In 1908 he became associated with C. S. Johnson under the firm name of Johnson & Sanders and has since been identified with the general mercantile business at Kiron. The firm has attained a recognized standing as one of the reliable and prosperous concerns in Crawford county.

In 1905 Mr. Sanders was united in marriage to Miss Emma Anderson, a native of Sweden and a daughter of Gustave and Lisa Anderson, both of whom are still living in the old country. There were four children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, and two children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders; Elnora, who was born February 26, 1907, and died May 23, 1910; and Lucile, born May 30, 1910.

Mr. Sanders and his wife are upholders of the Christian faith and are valued members of the Mission church of Kiron. He has not devoted much

attention to politics as his family and his business require his time, but he has observed the effects of the saloon and is an uncompromising advocate of temperance, believing this subject of more importance to the welfare of the country than many others that absorb the public mind. He is industrious, reliable and wide-awake and deserves the gratifying success he has achieved in his adopted country.

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### HENRY KUHLMAN.

Henry Kuhlman has clearly demonstrated by his life what it is possible for an ambitious and determined young man to achieve in the United States. A German by birth, he was not only practically without means, but was unfamiliar with the customs and language of the country when he arrived in this country, but he was rich in perseverance and industry and today he owns eleven hundred and ten acres of highly cultivated land in Crawford county. He was born on the 30th of May, 1850, and is a son of Frederick and Marie (Keuthan) Kuhlman, who spent their entire lives in the fatherland. They were the parents of ten children, three of whom, besides our subject, are now living: Marie, the wife of William Ahrens, of Germany; Louisa, who married Henry Hase, of Germany; and George, who is a resident of Charter Oak township, Crawford county.

The first twenty-three years of Henry Kuhlman's life were spent in the old country, but at the end of that period he felt that he possessed the ability to make something of his life were he only able to exercise those powers which he felt must forever lie dormant in the conservative atmosphere of the caste-bound land of his nativity. America seemed to offer the opportunities for which he longed, so crossing the Atlantic, he landed in this country on the 6th of April, 1873, and immediately made his way westward to Crawford county, Iowa. He worked out by the month during the first two years of his residence here, during which time he carefully laid aside a portion of his earnings until in 1875 he had saved sufficient to enable him to buy eighty acres of land, which formed the nucleus of his extensive realty holdings of the present time. His homestead in Hanover township contains seven hundred and fifty acres, in addition to which he owns three hundred and sixty acres in Paradise township. It is all well improved and highly cultivated, and everything about his homestead gives evidence of the thrift, careful supervision and regard for details which are always active factors in the acquirement of success.

On the 7th of May, 1878, Mr. Kuhlman completed his arrangements for a home of his own by marrying Miss Hetten Martin. She is also a native of Germany and was born on the 29th of September, 1852, a daughter of Michael and Julia Martin. The mother died in the fatherland and the father came to America and made his home with his children until the time of his demise, twenty years later. Eight children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Martin, as follows: Gusta, the wife of William Ockelbine, of Kansas; Paulina, who married Herman Minda, of Sac City, Iowa; Gustave, living in Charter Oak, this



state; Albert, a resident of Mapleton, Iowa; Hetten, the wife of Henry Kuhlman; and Amelia, Frederick and Emil, all of whom are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuhlman have become the parents of twelve children, eight of whom are still living: Alwena, who was born in 1881 and became the wife of Carl Teas, of Charter Oak township; Dora, whose birth occurred in 1882, and who married Herman Keipe, of Hanover township; Elizabeth, born in 1884; Henry, born in 1886; Herman, born in 1890; Gustave, born in 1893. George, born in 1895; Marie, born in 1897; two who died in infancy; and Emma and Lena, both deceased. All but the two eldest of those living are still at home.

The family attend the Lutheran church, of which denomination they are members. Ever since naturalization conferred upon him the full rights of citizenship, Mr. Kuhlman has supported the candidates and principles of the democratic party, and although he has never been an office seeker, he has served as a school director for the past two years. He is indeed a self-made man, as his success is entirely due to his unfaltering determination, persistent effort and tireless energy. His has not been a phenomenal record of brilliant achievements but the steady and substantial progress which is ever the reward of well directed effort when sustained by faithful service and incorruptible integrity. He has been a resident of Hanover township for more than three decades and during that period he has made many friends whose regard and respect he retains, and both he and Mrs. Kuhlman are highly esteemed in the community.

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#### LOUIS M. COON, M. D.

Dr. Louis M. Coon, a practicing physician and surgeon of Denison, has gained an enviable reputation as a successful representative of the medical profession in Crawford county. He is also an extensive landowner, having sixteen hundred acres in this state and in South Dakota. His birth occurred near Madison, Wisconsin, on the 20th of August, 1863, his parents being William W. and Mary E. (McHenry) Coon, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Allegany county, New York. Paul M. Coon, the paternal grandfather, was born in Oberlin, Ohio, and sold the first eighty-acre tract of land on the site chosen for Oberlin College. He was a successful agriculturist and quite an extensive landowner and operated both flour and sawmills. He was likewise a stone mason by trade and engaged in business as a contractor and builder. In the early days he went to Wisconsin, later removed to Minnesota and subsequently took up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Crawford county, Iowa. He passed away at Arion, where he had resided for some years, living to attain the venerable age of eighty-three. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Thirza Cole, survived him for two years, being eighty-two years old when called to her final rest. They were the parents of three children, two sons and a daughter, as follows: William W.; Paul; and Matilda, who gave her hand in marriage to John Oliver, a farmer and stock-raiser of Winfield, Kansas.

The maternal grandfather of our subject was a native of New York and followed farming and stock-raising throughout his active business career.

William W. Coon, the father of Dr. Louis M. Coon, left Ohio as a boy in company with his parents, the family home being established in Huntington, Indiana, where Paul M. Coon owned large flouring and sawmills. Subsequently the family removed to Albion, Dane county, Wisconsin, where William W. Coon attended Albion College. On leaving that town he went to Topeka, Kansas, and entered the employ of the government, freighting to Fort Hall, Oregon. When a young man of twenty he had crossed the plains four times. At that early period there was only one house on the present site of Denver, Colorado. After returning to Albion, Wisconsin, he wedded Miss Lucinda M. Warren, who died soon afterward of typhoid fever, Mr. Coon also falling a victim to the disease. For his second wife he chose Mary E. McHenry, with whom he removed to Alden, Minnesota, there purchasing a farm on which he made his home for ten years. On the expiration of that period he came to Iowa and bought a farm on the present site of Arion, continuing to reside thereon until called to his final rest in August, 1909, when he had attained the age of seventy-four years. In religious faith he was a Baptist, as was also his wife, who died on the 20th of May, 1910, when seventy-four years of age. William W. Coon enlisted at Madison, Wisconsin, at the time of the Civil war, but was not allowed to serve because of an injury in the shoulder which he had sustained when, as a boy, an Indian pushed him from a high embankment. He held various town offices in Minnesota and in Crawford county, Iowa, acting as school trustee, school director, etc. He was a gentleman of benevolent and charitable disposition and his home was a most hospitable one, always open for the reception of his many friends. Unto him and his wife were born three children, one son and two daughters: Louis M., of this review; Helen, who died at the age of sixteen years; and Jessie, who passed away when twenty-three years old. The last named was the wife of William Schouten and left a little daughter, Helen.

Dr. Louis M. Coon, whose name introduces this review, was a small child when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Freeborn, Minnesota, and a youth of twelve when he came with them to Iowa. He remained on his father's farm until eighteen years of age and obtained his early education in the district schools. Subsequently he pursued a course of study in Milton College at Milton, Wisconsin, and later attended the State University of Iowa. Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, Missouri, from which institution he was graduated in 1898. He first located at Arion; but for the past four years has followed his profession in Denison, enjoying a constantly growing and lucrative practice. That he keeps in touch with the fraternity in its advancement, experimentation and experience, is indicated through his membership with the Crawford County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has always been a great speculator and now owns sixteen hundred acres of land in Crawford and Monona counties of Iowa and near Aberdeen, South Dakota, as well as near Sioux City, Iowa.

On the 1st of January, 1889, Dr. Coon was united in marriage to Miss Ella Clark, a native of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and a daughter of Joseph and Eliza Clark, both of whom were born in New York. The Doctor and his wife have one child, William Louis Coon.

Faternally Dr. Coon is identified with the Masons, belonging to Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., while both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star. He is likewise connected with the Modern Woodmen. In religious faith both he and his wife are Baptists. Dr. Coon is a man of marked individuality, of strong character and stalwart purpose, who in citizenship and professional circles and in private life commands the respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact. He served as mayor of the city while residing in Arion, and in Denison has been a member of the city council for the past three years and chairman of the finance committee.

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### FRITZ WITT.

Fritz Witt, who owns an excellent two hundred acre farm in Crawford county, has acquired a competence which now enables him to live retired in Schleswig, where he has recently erected a thoroughly modern residence. He was born in Germany on the 4th of November, 1847, and is a son of Carl and Johanna (Esmark) Witt, who lived and died in the fatherland. They were the parents of the following children: Sophia, the wife of Hans Kruse, of Manning, Iowa; Louisa, who is deceased; Johanna, who married Carl Staak, of Germany; Christina, deceased; Maria, the deceased wife of Rudolph Lehfrerd, of Denison; Carlotta, the wife of Fritz Hensen, of Germany; Carl, of Denison; and Fritz, the subject of this sketch.

Fritz Witt was a resident of his native land for the first twenty-three years of his life, but in 1870 he decided that the United States afforded better opportunities for the energetic young men than the older country. Upon landing he immediately made his way westward and located in Crawford county, Iowa, and for seven years he followed various pursuits, during which time he acquired the capital to buy eighty acres of land. He was a sheep herder in the old country and so in addition to his agricultural pursuits, made a specialty of sheep-raising, in which venture he met with gratifying success and was able to add to his holdings from time to time until he acquired two hundred acres of land. About twenty-one years ago he and George Mayercord, of Denison, were engaged in the shipping of cattle and hogs for a time, and it proved to be a profitable undertaking. Mr. Witt is a man who cautiously plans and as carefully executes every project he enters into and the result is a concentration of effort which usually compels success. He has rented his homestead to his son and is now enjoying in the evening of life the ease which his comfortable circumstances provide.

On the 6th of January, 1875, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Witt and Miss Johanna Ohl, of Otter Creek township, a daughter of Ernest and Delside (Dibbern) Ohl. Seven children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Ohl, as follows:

August, who is living at Denison; William, a resident of Dunlap, this state; Amil, living at Blue Island, Illinois; Margaret, the wife of Carl Schreder, of Buck Grove; Matilda, who married Herman Framberg, of Chicago; Johanna, the wife of Fritz Witt; and Christina, who became the wife of Jurgen Schroeder, of Schleswig. Mr. and Mrs. Witt have become the parents of the following children: Emma, the deceased wife of Amos Hollander; Ludwick of Otter Creek township; Christina, the wife of John Krohnke, of Schleswig; Amanda, the wife of William Schmidt, of Schleswig; Benjamin, of Schleswig; and Ella, who married Paul F. Wilson, of Omaha.

They all affiliate with the Lutheran church, according to which faith they endeavor to guide their lives. Mr. Witt has ever given his support to the democratic party and takes an active interest in all local political issues, having served in the majority of the minor township offices, the duties of which he discharged creditably and satisfactorily to his constituency. He has many friends who accord him the respect his life principles and business policy most justly merit.

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### CHRISTIAN H. RUSCH.

From his earliest recollection Christian H. Rusch has been identified with Crawford county. He was born on a farm in this county, January 19, 1880, a son of Claus and Bertha (Jansen) Rusch, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in America. They were married in Crawford county, Iowa, and the father bought two hundred and twenty acres of land here, which he cultivated for a number of years. He sold that property in 1898 and purchased four hundred acres on sections 17 and 18, Morgan township, upon which he lived until his retirement in 1905. He and his wife now make their home at Schleswig. By their union ten children have been born, namely: Christian H., of this review; Henry, who lives in Morgan township; Elizabeth, the wife of John Claussen, of Crawford county; Julia, who married Paul Kleppen, of Nebraska; and Katie, Ella, Maggie, Metha, John and Herman, all of whom are at home.

Educated in the district schools, Christian H. Rusch continued at home until twenty-six years of age. He then rented a part of his father's homestead, upon which he still resides. He makes a specialty of feeding stock and as he is a good judge of animals he is able to buy to advantage and to command fair prices for what he has to sell.

On the 27th of February, 1906, Mr. Rusch was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Claussen, who was born at Clinton, Iowa, June 24, 1882, a daughter of Henry and Katie (Witthon) Claussen, both of whom were born in Germany. They came to America about 1880 and lived in Clinton county, Iowa, for several years before coming to Crawford county, where Mr. Claussen rented land for several years and then bought one hundred and sixty acres in Soldier township. He cultivated his farm with a goodly measure of success until 1909, when he disposed of it, and he and his wife have since lived retired at Ricketts. There were ten children in their family seven of whom are now living, namely: John, of Schleswig; Dora, the wife of William Meyers, of Crawford county; Anna,

who is at home; Minnie, now Mrs. Christian H. Rusch; Peter, also at home; Herman, of Nebraska; and Bertha, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Rusch have one child, Harvey, born March 23, 1911.

Politically Mr. Rusch gives his support to the democratic party but he is in no sense an office seeker as he has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. He prefers to concentrate his attention upon his business and the result is seen in his productive fields and well fed animals which are unmistakable evidences of prosperity. He is never backward in aiding a worthy cause and no man is more ready or willing to relieve distress or extend a helping hand to the unfortunate. He and his wife are valued members of the German Lutheran church.

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### HUGO KROHNKE.

Hugo Krohnke, a leading business man of Schleswig, is a native of Cedar county, Iowa, born February 26, 1874. He is a son of Jurgen and Dora (Hammann) Krohnke, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America about 1864 and Mr. Krohnke began in his quest of fortune in the new world by working by the month on a farm near Davenport, Iowa. After several years he rented land and then, having acquired sufficient capital, he purchased eighty acres in Morgan township, Crawford county, to which he applied himself with such diligence that he became one of the large landholders of the county. He is now the owner of one thousand and forty acres, which is divided into six different farms, all of them being in Crawford county except eighty acres which is in Woodbury county, Iowa. The land is well improved and under an excellent state of cultivation. Mr. Krohnke retired from active labor in 1903 and is now living in a beautiful home at Schleswig. There are four children in the family, namely: Herman, a resident of Nebraska; George, of Ricketts, Iowa; Hugo, the subject of this review; and Emma, who is the wife of E. L. Dieckmann, of Sioux City, Iowa.

Hugo Krohnke attended the district schools in his boyhood and under his father became acquainted with the various details of agriculture and stock-raising. He continued at home until twenty-four years of age and then purchased a livery stable at Schleswig, which he has since conducted, also engaging extensively in buying and shipping live stock. He has a well equipped livery establishment, which he conducts in such a manner as to attract a lucrative patronage. He is a man of good business sagacity and has the confidence of the entire community.

On the 23d of May, 1906, Mr. Krohnke was married to Miss Emma Rickers, a native of Otter Creek township and a daughter of Adolph and Dora (Suckstorf) Rickers. The parents were both born in Germany but were married in Iowa. Mr. Rickers engaged successfully in farming but retired to Otter Creek in 1896. He died ten years later but his widow is still living and makes her home with the subject of this review. She is now sixty-five years of age. There are three children in the family, namely: Henry and George, both residents of Nebraska; and Emma, now Mrs. Hugo Krohnke.

Mr. Krohnke and his wife are active members of the German Lutheran church and are well acquainted in their locality, with which Mrs. Krohnke has been identified all her life. In politics he supports the republican party, whose platforms and candidates he has endorsed by his vote ever since he attained manhood. Fraternally, he is connected with the Sons of Herman and as a business man and citizen he is ever actuated by principles of integrity and progressiveness.

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### JOHN JOSEPH McDERMOTT.

For twelve years past editor and publisher of The Manilla Times, John Joseph McDermott has acquired a reputation not only as a clear and convincing writer but also as one of the substantial and progressive citizens of Crawford county. He was born at Clinton, Iowa, December 11, 1878, a son of Anthony and Mary Agnes (Hook) McDermott, the former of whom was a native of County Mayo, Ireland, and the latter of Liverpool, England. The father, who was born July 16, 1852, left home at fourteen years of age and became a sailor but after arriving at manhood decided to try his fortune in America and came to Clinton county, Iowa. He was married at Toronto, Iowa, to Mary Agnes Hook and took up his residence in Clinton, where he continued until May, 1893, then locating on a farm two and one-half miles northwest of Manilla in Nishnabotny township, Crawford county. He removed to Manilla in 1908, and died there August 12, 1910. His beloved wife passed away February 3, 1897. Mr. McDermott gave his support to the democratic party, and being a staunch friend of education served most acceptably for a number of years as member of the school board. He and his wife were devoutly attached to the Catholic church and in their lives indicated a profound desire to follow the teachings of the Great Master. The last words of Mr. McDermott were expressive of his deep sense of the presence of God and his desire to meet once more with his companion, whose death he had sincerely mourned. Our subject's grandfather McDermott was a native of Ireland and engaged in farming. He came to America and died at Clinton, Iowa, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. There were eight children in his family, namely: Michael, Anthony, Patrick, John, Mrs. Owen Kingsley, Mrs. James Sheridan, Bridget and Mrs. Thomas Rimmer. This branch of the family is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. James Hook, the maternal grandfather, married Kate Sibbons in England. They came to America and after living for a short time in Clinton county, Iowa, removed to Crawford county, settling in Nishnabotny township. They both died at Manilla well advanced in years, having reared a family of seven children, namely: James, Mary Agnes, Patrick, Mrs. Kate Haley, Mrs. James Norkett, William and Francis. There were ten children in the family of Anthony and Mary Agnes McDermott, six of whom grew to maturity: John Joseph; Kathryn, now of Omaha, Nebraska; George, Anthony, Theresa, and Lillian, all of Manilla, Iowa.

John Joseph McDermott was reared at Clinton until eighteen years of age and received his education in the parochial and public schools, also attending the Clinton Business College. After laying his books aside he learned the printer's

trade and has since devoted his attention principally to that business. In 1896 he came to Crawford county and for the past twelve years has been publisher of *The Manilla Times*, an independent weekly newspaper, which has many readers in this part of the state. He maintains a well equipped general job printing establishment for general catalogue and other lines of work in connection with his paper.

On the 5th of November, 1903, Mr. McDermott was united in marriage to Miss Marguerite Brockelsby, a native of Crawford county and a daughter of W. H. and Malinda Brockelsby. The father was born in England and the mother in Pennsylvania. They came west and settled in Crawford county and are now living in Hayes township. There were five children in their family: Richard, Edward, Winifred, Marguerite and Elsie. Mr. and Mrs. McDermott have two children, Joseph Muril and Francis Clyde.

Mr. McDermott's success in the management of his paper has been due to his unswerving loyalty to the section in which he lives and the fairness and impartiality with which he has treated all subjects of public interest. A man of good judgment and fair discrimination, he has proven a safe adviser, and his aim at all times has been to promote the general welfare, rather than to advocate any special interest. In religious belief he adheres to the Catholic church, and socially he is a valued member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Commercial Club of Manilla.

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#### RICHARD G. BAER.

One of the prosperous farmers of Crawford county, is Richard G. Baer, a son of Andrew J. and Jane (Kelly) Baer. His father was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and removed to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1862, later coming to Crawford county in 1871. He located in Denison township, two miles south of Denison, where he resided until his death in 1886. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. His wife, who was also a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, is still living. Ten children were born to them, three of whom are deceased. Those who survive are: Elias Henry, a resident of Portland, Oregon; Frank M., of Denison, Iowa; Martha, the wife of Francis Murdoch, of Denison township; Richard G., the subject of this sketch; Emma, the wife of Jesse Rank, of Denison; Susie, the deceased wife of E. S. Miles, of Dunlap, Iowa; and George C., who resides in Vergin, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Richard G. Baer attended school in Denison township, although his birth occurred in Clinton county, Iowa, April 26, 1866. He resided at home until he was twenty-four years of age, at which time he bought the farm where he now resides. This consists of one hundred and twenty acres, located on section 36, Denison township, and on which he has made many modern improvements, both as to buildings and farm machinery.

In 1890 Mr. Baer was united in marriage to Miss Alice Riddle, a native of Crawford county, and they are the parents of eleven children, as follows: Lillian; Jetta, who is teaching school in this county; Laura, attending college in

Denison; Florence, Robert, Pearl, Vernie, Paul, Elsie, Evelyn and Theodore, all living at home.

In politics Mr. Baer is a republican. Formerly he and his wife were members of the Baptist church but are now affiliated with the Holiness mission.

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### HENRY KIEPE.

Henry Kiepe, who lives on a highly cultivated farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Hanover township, was born in Germany on the 14th of March, 1861, and is a son of William and Sophia (Boenieng) Kiepe. His parents spent their entire lives in the land of their nativity, the father dying at the age of thirty-five years and the mother at fifty-four. Of the three children born to them the son Henry was the only one to become a citizen of the United States, the other two, Herman and Charley, having remained in the fatherland.

The first twenty-two years of Henry Kiepe's life were spent in Germany, but at the end of that period he decided that better opportunities were afforded ambitious young men in America, so he took passage for the United States and in 1883 began his life in the new world. During the first two and one-half years of his residence here he worked by the month as a farm hand in Clinton county, this state. At the expiration of that time he removed to Monona county, where he was similarly employed for a time, and then rented land which he farmed for three years. By means of careful management, perseverance and economy he saved the capital necessary to buy eighty acres of land, which he cultivated for twelve years, but during that period he added another one hundred and sixty acres to his original tract. He sold this property in 1901 and bought a quarter section of land in Crawford county, upon which he now resides. Mr. Kiepe is a capable man of progressive ideas, as is attested by the general appearance of his homestead. The improvements are good and are kept in repair, the pastures contain good grades of stock and the well tilled fields yield abundant harvests, all of which are due to the careful supervision which he personally gives to every detail about his farm.

On the 14th of November, 1886, Mr. Kiepe was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Quitmeier, who is also a native of Germany, her birth occurring in that country on the 12th of September, 1865. Her father died in the fatherland and her mother was married again and emigrated to the United States with her husband and family in 1888. They located on a farm in Monona county, this state, which they cultivated until 1908, in which year the mother died. The stepfather, however, is still living at the age of sixty-six years. By her first marriage Mrs. Quitmeier had two children: Henry, who died in Germany, and Mrs. Kiepe. Three children were born of the second marriage, as follows: Frederick, who lives in Monona county; Mary, the wife of Jorgen Cook, of Charter Oak township, this county; and Charley, who lives on the old homestead near Charter Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiepe have become the parents of six children: Herman, who was born on the 30th of April, 1887, and who is married and living in Hanover township; Mary, who was born on the 25th of October, 1888, and is the wife of



Henry Fredricks; Charley, who was born on the 6th of April, 1890; Fred, born on the 3d of October, 1891; Annie, who was born on the 11th of January, 1896; and Arthur, born on the 30th of August, 1902. All but the first two are still at home.

The family attend the services of the Lutheran church, with which they are identified by membership. Mr. Kiepe gives his political support to the republican party but does not actively participate in public affairs as he does not aspire to office. He has always given his time and energy to the development of his personal interests rather than public, however, he is ever ready to assist in the promotion of any measure the adoption of which would be for the general welfare of the community.

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### THOMAS HAYES.

A well known name associated with the agricultural development of Crawford county is that of Hayes, the family continuing to be ably represented in the person of Thomas Hayes, who owns two hundred and eighty acres of land in Nishnabotny township, in the cultivation of which he engages. He was born in Monona county, Iowa, on the 22d of January, 1860, and is a son of Thomas and Emily (Riggs) Hayes. The father was a native of New Jersey, but of Scotch extraction in both the paternal and maternal lines, his mother having been a McMurty prior to her marriage. Thomas Hayes, Sr., was a shoemaker, following his trade while journeying from village to village through New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois, arriving in Chicago about 1835 or 1836. From there he proceeded to Burlington, where he located about 1838, continuing to make it his home for fifteen consecutive years. In 1853 he removed to Monona county, Iowa, settling in the vicinity of Onawa, where he resided for thirteen years, then came to Crawford county, first locating in Denison. He purchased land in what is now known as Hayes township, which was later named in his honor because he broke the first prairie there. He settled upon the place and engaged in its cultivation in the fall of 1869, his family, however, did not arrive until later, continuing to make it his home until 1875, when he passed away and was buried in the township which bore his name. Mr. Hayes was always one of the prominent and highly respected men in his community, ever taking an active and helpful interest in the political affairs of the township, having served as justice of the peace and in other minor offices. His wife was a native of Kentucky but migrated to Iowa with her people in 1838, and here she met the man whom she subsequently married. She survived her husband for over twenty years, her demise occurring in 1898.

Ten children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, the order of their birth being as follows: Amelia, deceased; Sarah, who is the wife of M. G. Wiggins, of Dow City, Iowa; Henry, a resident of Oklahoma; Martha, who has never married and is living in Omaha, Nebraska; Emma, deceased; Thomas, our subject; Callie, who married J. B. Milligan, of Nebraska; Silas, who is living in South Dakota; the ninth, who died in infancy; and James, also deceased.

The district and public schools of Hayes township and Denison provided Thomas Hayes, Jr., with his education and he determined to become an agriculturist. He remained a member of the paternal household until he had attained his twenty-third year, at which time he left to begin his career. The unsettled districts of the west had as great a fascination for him as for his father before him, so he went to Nebraska, locating upon a farm in Cuming county, which he cultivated for nine years. Returning to Iowa at the expiration of that time he purchased land on section 21, Nishnabotny township, which has continued to be his home for nearly twenty years. He has made all of the improvements upon his farm, which is one of the best in the vicinity, the buildings all being substantially constructed and well repaired. Success has attended the efforts of Mr. Hayes and he has added to his original tract until he has acquired two hundred and eighty acres of land. He engages in general farming and stock-raising, having a fine breed of registered shorthorns, and makes a specialty of feeding stock for the market, being one of the most extensive feeders in the township.

In 1883 Mr. Hayes was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Milligan, a native of Pennsylvania, and they have become the parents of the following children: Clarence L., a resident of Nishnabotny township; Mabel, the wife of George Massie, of North Dakota; and Howard, Thomas, Ruth, Joseph, Katie and Irma and Enid, twins, all of whom are at home.

In politics Mr. Hayes is a republican, having served in some of the minor township offices, but his own interests have absorbed so much of his time and attention that he has never been prominently identified with public affairs. He is one of the energetic and enterprising agriculturists of the community, whose capable direction of his affairs is bringing him a goodly measure of success.

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### HENRY GOETSCH.

It was through the application of energy and perseverance that Henry Goetsch established himself upon a comfortable financial basis, becoming the owner of a productive farm which he acquired as the result of his own exertions. He is also the owner of a prosperous livery and feed business at Kiron. He was born in Wisconsin, February 20, 1868, a son of Carl and Carolina (Baumann) Goetsch, both of whom were born in Germany. They came to America in 1864 and after spending five years in Wisconsin removed to Boone county, Iowa, and later to Harrison county, where they spent seven years. In 1892 they went to California, where the father died in December, 1898, but the mother is still living in that state. They were the parents of ten children, nine of whom are now living.

Henry Goetsch was brought to Iowa in his infancy and received his early education in this state. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age and then rented a farm in Harrison county, Iowa, which he cultivated for ten years, then purchasing a farm in the same county which he developed into a valuable property. In March, 1910, he removed to Kiron and purchased a feed and livery

business, of which he has since had charge. He also manages the farm and as he is alert and enterprising and, moreover, uses good judgment in everything he undertakes, he has attained a creditable measure of success.

In September, 1889, Mr. Goetsch was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Mesching, who was born in Minnesota and is a daughter of Henry and Julia (Wendorff) Mesching, both natives of Germany. Her parents came to America and after living for some time in Minnesota removed to Harrison county, Iowa, where they now make their home. There were twelve children in their family. Four children came to brighten the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Goetsch, namely: John, who was born August 8, 1891, and is now attending school at Schleswig, Iowa; Glenn, born July 12, 1895; August, born September 6, 1896; and Elmer, born October 20, 1900, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Goetsch as a patriotic American citizen has devoted considerable attention to political questions and is an ardent adherent of the republican party, which he believes has the ability to manage the affairs of the nation successfully. He is a member of the German Lutheran church, as is also his wife. They are giving their children the advantages of a good education and by their influence and example are contributing to the general welfare of the community. Mr. Goetsch is to be congratulated upon the position he has attained, and the high respect in which he is held by his acquaintances is evidence of his genuine worth.

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### BRINTEN SHARP.

Brinten Sharp, an enterprising and prosperous farmer of Union township, was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1855, a son of Elijah and Delilah (Canada) Sharp, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father followed the vocation of forgerman in one of the large iron mills of that state and at the time of the Civil war enlisted as a soldier and for three years faithfully performed his duties in the rank and file. To him and his wife were born five children, of whom three survive, as follows: William, who resides in Milton, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania; Brinten, of this review; and Jeanette. The father's death occurred in 1899, the mother having passed away when our subject was but six years old.

After obtaining such education as he could in the public schools of Pennsylvania, Brinten Sharp engaged in farming in his native state for six years and then removed to Kane county, Illinois. There he worked by the month for three years, after which time he removed to Davison county, South Dakota, where he was numbered among the first settlers. He took a homestead, proved up on it and spent the following five years there, subsequently coming to Crawford county, Iowa. He located on a farm near Vail and for two years conducted a dairy business. He then removed to Union township, bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he later sold, and then purchased another tract, but after living on this for awhile he disposed of it and in 1907 bought his present home. Altogether he has owned three farms in Union township, all of which

he improved, and at present his holdings consist of one hundred and twenty acres of excellent farming land.

Mr. Sharp was married at the age of twenty-one to Miss Anna Stover, a native of Pennsylvania, and the following nine children have been born to them: Milford, who lives in Dow City; Amanda, who became the wife of Charles Vassar and lives in Parker, South Dakota; Ira, a resident of Ute, Iowa; Elmer, of Rapid City, South Dakota; Ida, who married William Sterrett, of Dow City; Mabel, who is now Mrs. Allen Haymouth and resides in Dow City; Floyd, Meryl and Vivian, who are at home with their parents.

In exercising his right of franchise Mr. Sharp casts his vote for the republican party, and while taking due interest in public welfare he as never sought political preferment. In religion he was reared in the Presbyterian faith, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is recognized as a man of strict integrity and genuine worth in every relation of life and is classed with the well known and intelligent agriculturists of Union township, where he enjoys the merited esteem of his fellow citizens.

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#### CARL ERICK ENGBERG.

Among the natives of the Scandinavian countries who have been successfully associated with the agricultural interests of Crawford county must be numbered Carl Erick Engberg, who is now residing in Kiron. His birth occurred in Sweden on the 29th of April, 1840. The parents, John Erick Lofqueist and Engred (Christophsen) Engberg, emigrated to the United States in 1861 and located in Henry county, Illinois, which continued to be their home for many years. Six children were born to them, as follows: Margaret, the wife of Laus Longberg, of Sac county, Iowa; Carolina, who became the wife of Samuel Petersen, of Henry county, Illinois; Johannas, deceased; Carl Erick, our subject; Christopher, deceased; and Jonas, also deceased. The father passed away in Henry county, Illinois, at the age of ninety-one years, and the mother in Sac county, Iowa, at the age of seventy.

Carl Erick Engberg came to America with his parents and located in Henry county, Illinois, where he began working as a farm hand, in which capacity he continued for eight years. He was an industrious and economical young man and was thus able to put aside a portion of his wages every month and in this manner acquired the capital to buy land. In May, 1869, he bought one hundred and sixty acres in Stockholm township, Crawford county, and about the same time he purchased a ten acre timber tract near Boyer, this county. He engaged in general farming and stock-raising, in both of which ventures he met with a fair degree of success, owing to his close application and capable management. In 1904 he bought a quarter section of land in South Dakota and six years later he acquired one hundred and sixty acres in Bruett county, Minnesota. He still owns his South Dakota and Minnesota farms but sold his homestead in Crawford county in 1904. Two years prior to selling his farm he bought prop-

erty in Kiron, upon which he erected several residences and in one of these he now lives.

On the 26th of February, 1870, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Engberg and Miss Johanna Johnson, a daughter of Axel and Palnella (Neilsen) Johnson. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of whom Mrs. Engberg was the eldest. The others are as follows: Elenora, the wife of Swan Johnson, of Sac county; Olive, who lives in Chicago; Elizabeth, deceased; Augusta, who resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Lena, the wife of George Oscar Ostergreen, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Nels, living in Lyons, Nebraska; Joseph, who went to sea as a boy and was never heard from afterward; and Charles, of South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Engberg have become the parents of seven children but only four are now living, John, the eldest, passing away at the age of thirty-eight, and Oscar and Robert, the next two in the order of birth, dying in infancy. Those surviving are: Nettie, the wife of Harlund Smith, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Joseph, living at Kiron; Caroline, the wife of the Rev. Walter Forest, of Ames, Iowa; and Lilly, who is at home.

The family attend the Baptist church, of which they are members. Politically Mr. Engberg affiliates with the prohibition party, considering that its policy is best adapted to promote the moral welfare of the public. He is a public-spirited man and takes an active interest in local affairs and has been elected to several of the minor township offices, the duties of which he capably discharged. The family is well known and highly regarded in Kiron and the hospitality of their pleasant home is graciously extended to their many friends.

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#### THOMAS HODKIN.

Among the native sons of England who have become prominent in agricultural circles in Crawford county is Thomas Hodkin. He was born in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, January 27, 1838, a son of George and Mary (Brown) Hodkin, both of whom were natives of Derbyshire. The father was by trade a stone-mason and also engaged in farming. He removed with his family to Buxton, England, about the time our subject left home when a boy and continued there during the remainder of his days. He and his wife are both buried at Buxton. There were three children in the family: Jane, deceased; Thomas, of this review; and George, also deceased.

Thomas Hodkin possessed limited advantages of education in his early life. He entered the service of Duke Francis of Bedford as stable boy, continuing in that position until about twenty-four years of age. He was then in the employ of two sisters by the name of Travers, who belonged to the aristocracy and continued in their service for about six years. At the age of thirty he was married and, having decided that more favorable opportunities were presented in the new world, he purchased tickets for himself and bride from London to Iowa City, Iowa. After arriving at his destination he worked in the vicinity of Iowa City and West Liberty and later rented land near Downey. In 1882 he came to Crawford county and purchased a small farm, which he cultivated until



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1893, when he moved to his present location in Willow township. He acquired two hundred acres, which he improved with good buildings and in other ways, and transformed the property into one of the attractive farms of this region. He has since sold forty acres and now has a well kept place of one hundred and sixty acres, which yields a handsome income.

In 1865 Mr. Hodkin was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Compton, of Bedfordshire, England, who proved to him a loving wife and helpful companion. She passed away in 1903 and was buried in the cemetery at Dow City, Iowa. Their home was brightened by the arrival of eight children, namely: Charlotte, now the wife of John Sanders, of Charter Oak, Iowa; George, who is foreman of a bridge gang; Blanch, the wife of Carl Larson, of Redfield, South Dakota; Horace, of Boyer township; Daisy, now Mrs. John Grant, of Charter Oak; Jennie, the wife of Peter Hansen, of Streeter, North Dakota; Thomas B., who is living at home; and Jesse, of Redfield, South Dakota.

In his native country Mr. Hodkin was a member of the Church of England, but after he came to the United States he united with the Methodist church, with which he is still affiliated. In politics ever since arriving in this country he has adhered to the republican party. He is a strong advocate of education and has assisted greatly in promoting the interests of the schools of his township, having served most ably as a member of the school board. In business he has always been governed by principles of justice and fairness and in the evening of a long and useful life he retains the respect and honor in an eminent degree of his neighbors and acquaintances.

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### CLINT SCIFORD.

As a representative of the young men who are coming forward to occupy places of responsibility in agricultural circles Clint Sciford of Soldier township deserves mention in the history of Crawford county. He was born on the farm which he now owns, October 19, 1886, a son of George and Theresa (Bowers) Sciford, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Iowa with their respective parents and were married near Muscatine, locating in 1874 in Soldier township, Crawford county. Here Mr. Sciford engaged very successfully in farming and was the owner at one time of six hundred and ninety-six acres, which he acquired through his diligence and good judgment. He retired to Arion, Iowa, in 1900, having previously divided his land among his children, of whom there are six now living, namely: Charley, Emma, now the wife of Fred Blunk, and George, all of Crawford county; Benjamin, of Boyd county, Nebraska; Ella, the wife of Wallace Sommers, of Minnesota; and Clint, the subject of this review. Sherman, the fifth in order of birth, is deceased.

Clint Sciford attended the district schools and was reared under influences that gave every desirable opportunity for laying the foundation for a useful business career. At fifteen years of age he began life on his own account as proprietor of a livery barn but at the end of one year went to Omaha, continuing for a year in that city. He then returned home and began farming, later coming



into possession of his share of the estate. He now owns one hundred and twenty acres, which is well improved, and under his competent management is yielding handsome returns.

On the 27th of April, 1908, Mr. Sciford was united in marriage to Anna Moore, who was born in St. Louis, September 23, 1880, a daughter of Charles and Josephine (Trefts) Moore. The father was born in Cincinnati and the mother in St. Louis, where they were married. The father passed away in 1895, his companion dying ten years later. There were seven children in their family, namely: Nettie, wife of William Jasen, of Chicago, Illinois; William and Charley, of St. Louis; Anna, now Mrs. Clint Sciford; John, of St. Louis; Minnie, the wife of Elmer Page, of Denver, Colorado; and Joseph, who lives in Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Sciford was a widow when she married Mr. Sciford, and the mother of one child, Earl, born on the 5th of February, 1907.

Mr. Sciford gives his support to the republican party but is not prominent in political affairs, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business. He is an efficient member of the community and is known as a successful and progressive farmer who takes an active interest in his calling and whose business qualifications are more than ordinary. Genial and kindly in disposition, he has made many friends who prophesy for him a bright and prosperous future.

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### JOHN GRIFFIN.

Although he has passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey, John Griffin continues to be quite actively engaged in general farming and stock-raising on his excellent farm in Washington township. He was born in Ireland in March, 1829, being the eldest child of Thomas and Anne (Lillis) Griffin. The parents, who were also natives of the Emerald isle, spent their entire lives in the land of their birth, where the father engaged in farming. Five children were born to them, the other four being as follows: Margaret, the wife of John McDonald, living in the state of New York; Bridget, who married John Eustis, residing at Pond Beach, New York; Kate, deceased; and Thomas, whose whereabouts are unknown.

John Griffin obtained his education in Ireland, remaining a subject of the British crown until he had passed his twenty-second year, at which time he resolved to become an American citizen. Upon his arrival in the United States he first located in Louisiana, where he remained for one year, and then spent one summer in St. Louis, Missouri, after which he went to Davenport, where he lived for a year, and then returned to Louisiana, spending the winter there. In the spring he went to Memphis, Tennessee, where he remained until the close of the Civil war, when he came to Iowa, first locating in Clinton county and later removing to Crawford county and settling in Denison township, where he farmed as a renter for about twelve years. He then bought the farm in Washington township, where he now resides. Mr. Griffin has always been an energetic and enterprising man and has met with more than moderate success in his agricultural pursuits, being regarded as one of the substantial farmers in his community.

Mr. Griffin was united in marriage in 1862 at Memphis, Tennessee, to Miss Mary Carey, a native of County Clare, Ireland. Nine children were born of this union as follows: Thomas, who is living in Nebraska; Anne, residing in Council Bluffs; Mollie and Patrick, who are at home; John, a resident of Omaha, Nebraska; James, living in the same place; Margaret, the wife of Jesse Bennett; Katie, the wife of Willis Wiggins, of Dow City; and Mitchell, deceased. Mr. Griffin also reared three children belonging to his son Thomas: John, Grace and Gertrude.

The family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Griffin has always been independent in his political views, giving his support to such men and measures as he felt were adapted to promote the best interests of the people. He has not been an aspirant for public office but is at present serving as a school director. During the long period of his residence in Crawford county he has shown himself to be a man well worthy of the esteem which is accorded him.

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### PETER BOECK.

Thirty years ago Peter Boeck, now a well known farmer of Crawford county, landed in America from a foreign land. He came to this country because he believed it offered more favorable inducements than could be found in Europe and the result has exceeded his anticipations. He is today one of the highly respected citizens of the county and he and his family enjoy the blessings of an abundant prosperity. He was born in Germany, April 1, 1850, a son of Peter and Margaret (Reimel) Boeck. The parents passed their entire lives in the old country, the father dying in 1875 and the mother in 1881. There were four children in their family: Thomas, who is still living in Germany; Peter, of this review; Henry, who is a tailor and lives in Germany; and Annie, the wife of John Ericksen.

Peter Boeck was educated in his native land and continued to live there until thirty-one years of age. He arrived on the western shores of the Atlantic ocean in March, 1881, and located in Hamilton county, Iowa, where he worked at eighteen dollars per month. As time passed he received higher wages but he continued in the employ of others for eighteen years. In 1899 he came to Crawford county and began farming upon his own account on land which he now owns. From time to time he purchased more land and his farm now comprises three hundred and thirty-seven acres on sections 15 and 16, Hanover township. In addition to general farming, he is an extensive stock-feeder and as he uses good judgment he has attained marked success. He developed his farm from the virgin prairie and made many improvements which are among the best to be seen in the township.

On the 8th of December, 1898, Mr. Boeck was united in marriage to Mrs. Louisa Klinker, the widow of Peter Klinker, who was born in Germany and married in that country. He died September 15, 1897. There were five children in his family, namely: Meta, who was born October 19, 1884, and is now the wife of Peter Boeck, of Charter Oak township; George, who was born May

28, 1887, and now lives in Monona county, Iowa; Mary, who died at the age of six months; and William, born August 19, 1894, and Bernhardt, born January 15, 1897, both of whom are living at home. Mrs. Boeck is a daughter of Juer-gen and Elizabeth (Goss) Kroeger, also natives of Germany. They came to America in 1882 and settled in Crawford county, passing the later years of their lives with their children. The mother died in August, 1886, and the father in November, 1890. Seven children besides Louisa, now Mrs. Peter Boeck, were born to them, namely: Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Vosgran, of Crawford county; Minnie, who became the wife of Marcus Wilefang and is now deceased; John, who lives in Germany; Peter, of Plymouth county, Iowa; Mary, the wife of Brother Christiansen, of Denison; Dora, the wife of Hans Petersen, of Germany; and Adolph, of Cherokee, Iowa. One child, Charley H., has come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Boeck, his natal day being November 4, 1900.

Even as a boy Mr. Boeck was impressed with the fact that industry and perseverance are important factors in success and his life is a striking illustration of this truth. He applied himself with untiring zeal and thus acquired the foundation of the competence he now enjoys. His record cannot fail to be an inspiration to others who aspire to financial independence. Politically he adheres to the democratic party and religiously he and his wife are earnest supporters of the German Lutheran church.

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### JOHN O'SHEA.

The ability to work hard, the ambition to get ahead in the world and the tenacity to carry out this desire are three qualities that have placed John O'Shea in the successful position he today occupies as one of the successful farmers of Crawford county. He was born in County Cork, Ireland, about December 25, 1840, a son of Timothy and Julia (Newman) O'Shea. His father was a native of Ireland, where he died about 1847 or 1848, the history of his early life being unknown. The mother was also born in Ireland and was of English extraction. She came to this country and lived with her son until she also passed away in 1892. To this couple the following four children were born: Ann, deceased; John; Abigail, of Dunlap, Iowa; and Jane, of Grand Island, Nebraska.

John O'Shea obtained his early education in the public schools of Ireland and although quite young at the time of his father's death he worked during his leisure hours and for three months received wages which amounted to about two dollars and forty cents in United States money for his labor. Later he was employed for two years at thirty-five dollars a year, every cent of which he saved as he had meanwhile determined to seek his fortune in the new world, and he used his earnings to defray his expenses to the United States, landing in New York city in 1864. As he had a little money left, he went to Salem, Massachusetts, where he worked for four months in order to earn enough to continue his journey westward. This he accomplished, locating in Cedar Rapids, Linn county, Iowa, and as soon as he had accumulated enough money he sent to the old country for his mother and eldest sister, who were followed later on by the

remaining two children. His mother resided with him until 1876, in which year he built her a home in Dunlap, Iowa, and there supported her until her death.

When Mr. O'Shea located in Cedar Rapids he secured employment on the railroad section, remaining there for four years, at the end of that period moving to Johnson county, where he purchased land and lived thereon during the next three years. He then went to Shelby county, again buying land, upon which he lived until 1907. In that year he disposed of his holdings, amounting to four hundred acres, and came to Crawford county. Here he bought two hundred and eighty acres of land, building upon it his present residence, and has since added to his possessions one hundred and eighty-six acres located one-half mile out of Denison.

In 1876 Mr. O'Shea was married to Miss Mary Castello, who was born in Canada, a daughter of Thomas and Anne (Kilroo) Castello, both of whom were natives of County Tyrone, Ireland. They emigrated to Canada in the early '50s and later moved to Clinton county, Iowa, where the father died. The mother then went to Shelby county, Iowa, where her death also occurred. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Anne and Matthew, both deceased; Mary; John, deceased; Kate, of Mapleton, Iowa; Michael, deceased; and Thomas, of Sioux City. To Mr. and Mrs. O'Shea were born the following eight children: Timothy, thirty-three years old February 1, 1910, is a member of Dunlap Council, No. 1248, Knights of Columbus; Julia, thirty-one years old; John Thomas, twenty-nine years; Matthew Michael, twenty-seven years; Agnes, twenty-five years; William Henry, twenty-three years; Patrick Oliver, twenty-one years; and Peter Charles, eighteen years old.

All of the children are living at home and with their parents are faithful members of the Roman Catholic church. Politically Mr. O'Shea gives his support to the democratic party and at one time was elected to the office of justice of the peace but declined to qualify. For four years he has been a director on the school board. Mr. O'Shea is broad-minded in his views, is a man whom to know is to respect, ever doing all in his power to upbuild and maintain the good standing of his township.

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### J. H. SCHMADEKE.

One of the extensive landowners and progressive citizens of Crawford county is J. H. Schmadeke, who for a period of more than twenty-five years has been one of the active factors in the agricultural development of this county. He is a native son of Iowa, having been born in Jackson county on the 29th of July, 1859, and is a son of Frederick and Sophia (Storm) Schmadeke. The father was a native of Hanover, Germany, and the mother of Mecklenburg. They emigrated to the United States with their respective parents in childhood and met and were married in Iowa. Shortly after that event they purchased eighty acres of land in Jackson county, this state, for which they paid two and one-half dollars per acre, and followed farming during the remainder of their lives. Upon them devolved all of the hardships of pioneer life, but they were strong

and industrious and by means of careful management and economy had acquired an estate of two hundred and eighty acres at the time of Mr. Schmadeke's death, all of which was well improved and under a high state of cultivation. They were the parents of the following children: Mary, who died at the age of two years; J. H., our subject; Annie, the wife of Edward Hachmeister, of Du Page, Illinois; Henry and William, who are twins, the former residing in Crawford county and the latter in Jackson county, this state; and the sixth who died in infancy. The father passed away in March, 1893, and the mother in August of the following year.

J. H. Schmadeke obtained his preliminary education in the common schools and after completing the course there he attended a commercial school. He remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age and then engaged in farming on his own account on two hundred and forty acres which he had bought and which forms part of his present homestead. He is a man of more than average capabilities and has made a gratifying success of his various enterprises, which has enabled him to add to his original tract at different times until at the present he owns five hundred and sixty acres in Hanover township. It is well improved and under a high state of cultivation, although when he bought the land it was unbroken prairie, and is today regarded as one of the valuable farming properties of the county. He has always engaged in general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of thoroughbred short-horn cattle and Belgium horses, and he has also been an extensive feeder of cattle for the market. In addition to his large home farm, Mr. Schmadeke owns three hundred and twenty acres of improved land in Boyd county, Nebraska, a section in Dakota, and one hundred and sixty acres near Havre, Montana.

Mr. Schmadeke was united in marriage on the 13th of March, 1885, to Miss Ida Kukuck, who was born in Jackson county, Iowa, on the 28th of June, 1867. By this union were born seven children: Annie, who was born on the 20th of January, 1886, and is now the wife of Ever Nielsen, of Montana; Dora, born on the 13th of September, 1887, the wife of Andrew Lorenzen, of Olive, California; Freda, born on the 19th of December, 1890, still at home; Frederick, born on the 26th of January, 1893, attending college at Denison; Ida, born on the 9th of April, 1895, at home; Laura, born on the 8th of May, 1898; and August, born on the 11th of October, 1900. The wife and mother passed away on the 1st of February, 1901, and on the 8th of June, 1904. Mr. Schmadeke married Miss Wilhelmina Lange, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, on the 8th of October, 1866. She is a daughter of Gahart and Marie (Voss) Lange, who were born in Germany but emigrated to the United States and settled on a farm in Clinton county, Iowa, which they operated until 1906, when they retired and are now living with a daughter near the old homestead. The father is seventy-seven years of age and the mother seventy-five. They are the parents of the following children: Henry, deceased; John, a resident of Sac county, Iowa; Mary, the wife of Louis Schmidt, of Crawford county; Wilhelmina, the wife of J. W. Schmadeke; William, living in Sac county; Annie, who married John Moore, of Clinton county; and Otto, also of Clinton county. Three children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Schmadeke: Edna, whose

birth occurred on the 11th of August, 1905; Leona, who was born on the 21st of March, 1907; and Arma, born on the 18th of February, 1910.

The family attend the German Lutheran church, of which the parents are members. Ever since attaining his majority Mr. Schmadeke has given his political support to the democratic party. He takes an active interest in all local issues and for twenty-four years has served as a trustee of his township, which fact most conclusively proves that he has capably discharged the duties of the office. He is one of the highly respected men of Hanover township and during his long residence has won the friendship of many citizens whose regard he continues to retain.

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### A. H. COOK.

A. H. Cook was a lad of but twelve years when he first crossed the threshold of the business world, and since that time he has been dependent upon his own resources, the success which has come to him being the direct result of his own unaided efforts. One of Iowa's native sons, he was born in Jackson county, near Green Island, May 5, 1872, a son of Henry and Mary Cook, both natives of Germany. In the fatherland the parents resided until 1872 when, crossing the Atlantic to America, they made their way direct to Iowa and located first in Jackson county. They resided in various parts of that county for about eight years and in 1880 the family started for Crawford county, the father, accompanied by one son, coming with the stock. He was last heard of in Cedar Rapids, where he was seen talking with three men, and it is supposed that he met with foul play. In the meantime the mother with the rest of the family, traveling by rail, had arrived in Crawford county, and she established her home in Hanover township, where she remained for a time, later removing to Paradise township and subsequently to Charter Oak, where her last days were spent. She passed away in 1902. She was the second wife of Henry Cook, and by her marriage became the mother of four children: A. H., of this review; Mary, deceased; Anna, who has also passed away; and Louisa, the wife of John Thielman, of Charter Oak, Iowa. By the former marriage of Mr. Cook there were three sons: Fred, of Wyoming, Iowa; Henry, of Mapleton, Iowa; and William, likewise of Wyoming.

A. H. Cook spent the first eight years of his life in Jackson county, after which he came with his mother to Crawford county and was a pupil in the public schools near his home until twelve years of age. It then became necessary for him to seek employment, whereby he might earn his own livelihood, and thus early in life he put aside his text-books and entered the business world as a farm hand, being engaged in this capacity until twenty-one years of age. Upon attaining his majority he took up farming on his own account in Paradise township and has since been a resident of that township with the exception of three years spent in Denison township. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich farm land, upon which he has placed many modern improvements, and the well kept appearance of the property denotes a life characterized

by thrift, industry and perseverance. Progress has also been a forceful element in his career and has been a potent factor in the acquirement of a goodly prosperity which has come to him with the passing years.

On the 8th of November, 1893, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cook and Miss Ellen A. Green, a daughter of Ezra and Emily (Clarke) Green, who came to Crawford county from Wisconsin about 1870 or 1871. The father passed away in this county on the 20th of August, 1880, but the mother still survives and makes her home at Rolfe, Iowa. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Frank, of Dow City, Iowa; Fred, deceased; Elsworth, residing near Plover, Iowa; Ellen A., who became the wife of our subject; Charles, of Rolfe, Iowa; Bessie, Arthur and Jessie, all now deceased; Earl, a resident of Rockwell City, Iowa; and Raymond, also living in Rolfe. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cook have been born one son, Oliver Arthur, who was born July 19, 1899, and is now attending school.

Before her marriage Mrs. Cook was an educator of much ability and taught school for twenty-five terms in Crawford county. She and her husband are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Cook is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Dow City. Interested as all American citizens should be in the political situation of the country, he has thoroughly informed himself concerning the questions and issues of the day and gives stalwart support to the republican party. He was school director and is a strong advocate of progress along educational lines as well as in other phases of community life. He early learned the lesson that success must be purchased at the price of earnest, well defined labor, and with the passing of the years perseverance, diligence and integrity have constituted the guiding posts of his career, bringing him to the honorable position which he now occupies in the opinion of his fellow citizens, among whom he has long lived and labored.

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#### PETER ATZEN.

Peter Atzen, who now lives retired in a beautiful home in Denison, is one of the self-made men of Crawford county. Thrown upon his own resources in his boyhood, he bravely met every obstacle and as the years passed became one of the successful farmers of this county. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, December 14, 1857, a son of Broder and Josina (Jessen) Atzen, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was a laboring man, and, seeking to improve his condition, he came to America in 1875 and began his career in the new world at Clinton, Iowa, removing nine months later to a farm in Olive township, Crawford county, where he died in 1897, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was a soldier of the German army from 1847 to 1852, participating in the war of 1848. His wife lived to be eighty-one years of age, passing away in 1908.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Christian Atzen, was a farmer of Germany and his wife was Christina Jessen. They were the parents of three children, Broder, Christina and Martha. The maternal grandfather died when

young and his history is lost, the mother of our subject being the only child in his family. She was a remarkable woman. At nineteen years of age she lost one of her limbs and for sixty-two years thereafter could move about only with the aid of a wooden leg and yet she reared her children and performed her household duties with a spirit of cheerfulness seldom witnessed even in those not called upon to suffer from bodily affliction. Her father died when she was an infant and her mother married Henry Clausen, four daughters being born of this union, namely, Hannah, Christina, Frederica and Sophia.

The following children were born to Broder and Josina Atzen: Minnie, who became the wife of Erich Matsen, of Chicago, and is now deceased; Henry, of Maquoketa, Iowa; Peter, the subject of this review; Josina, now Mrs. Fred Walk, of Chicago; Carl, now a practicing physician of Omaha; and John, deceased.

Peter Atzen was educated in his native land and nine days after his confirmation started for America, arriving in New York on the 26th of April, 1873. He grew to manhood on a farm in Clinton county, Iowa, working for himself from the time he arrived in this country. After renting land for three years in Clinton county he moved to Ida county and continued renting for two years, at the end of which time he came to Crawford county and purchased two hundred and forty acres in Hanover township, which he broke, cleared and improved. He continued upon his farm until March, 1908, when he removed to Denison, where he now resides. He still owns the home place which is one of the most valuable farms in the township and also a half section in Jackson county, Minnesota. His land in this county originally cost him twelve dollars and a half per acre but it is now worth at least one hundred and fifty dollars an acre.

On the 1st of January, 1883, Mr. Atzen was united in marriage to Miss Justina Christiansen, who was born in Risum, North Schleswig, Germany, April 1, 1865, a daughter of M. F. and Hannah (Petersen) Christiansen. The family came to America in 1872 and for five years Mr. Christiansen was a teamster at Clinton, Iowa. In 1877 he removed to a farm in Scott county but seven years later came to Crawford county and acquired a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Hanover township. Subsequently he sold his farm and took up his residence in Denison, where he now lives in retirement. He is seventy-seven years of age and his wife is three years his junior. In their family were eight children, six of whom are now living: Anna Christina, the wife of Gust Rusing; Justina, now Mrs. Peter Atzen; Sibbern; Julius; Amelia, the wife of Henry Kolls; and Hannah, now Mrs. John Jacobson. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Atzen was Sibbern Christiansen, a wagonmaker of Germany. He was twice married and by his second wife had two children, Christian and Anna. Hans Petersen, the grandfather on the maternal side, was the head of a family of five children, Hannah, Bertha, Lena, Niss and Christ.

Ten children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Atzen: George, of Washington township, who married Emma Foss and has one son, Raymond; Fred, now living on the home place, who married Bertha Foss and has one daughter, Lilian; Carl; Minnie, who married Meinhard Thompson, of Goodrich township, and is the mother of one son, Henry; Henry, who died at the age of four years; Hannah, Josina, Hilda, Walter and Bernhard, all of whom are at home.



As head of a large and promising family Mr. Atzen has set an example of industry and perseverance which cannot fail to influence the lives of his children long after he has departed this life. He and his excellent wife are members of the German Lutheran church and politically he is affiliated with the democratic party. A man of strong individuality and great determination, he has attained a goodly measure of success in business affairs. By nature genial and social, he has readily made friends and few men of his age can claim a greater number of sincere admirers in Crawford county.

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#### CHARLES MILLER.

The man who starts out in life with a definite purpose in mind toward the realization of which he directs his concentrated energies invariably attains his ambition ultimately. As a youth Charles Miller aspired to become a successful agriculturist, and the realization of his desire is evidenced by the beautiful farm of three hundred and twenty acres which he cultivates in Iowa township.

Mr. Miller is the eldest son of Christopher and Madeline (Hager) Miller, natives of Hamburg, Germany, from which country they emigrated to the United States in 1852, landing in New York on the 29th of April. Three days later the son Charles was born, his natal day being the 2d of May. The parents continued to live in New York city for three years and then removed to Davenport, of which city they were residents for five years. At the expiration of that period they migrated to Muscatine, where they remained until 1865 and then went to Tipton. After living there for two years they removed to Mechanicsville, Cedar county, Iowa, where they spent the remainder of their days, being laid to rest in the cemetery of that town. The father, who was a shoemaker, was actively engaged in his trade up to four days before his death, which occurred in 1903. The mother's demise occurred in 1899. They were the parents of five children, those beside our subject being: Betty, the wife of E. W. Stoddard, of Cedar Rapids; Lizzie, who married John Sutton, of Manilla; John, who is a resident of Mechanicsville; and Frank, the youngest member of the family.

The first nineteen years of the life of Charles Miller were spent under the parental roof, very largely occupied in acquiring an education, in the pursuit of which he attended the German and public schools. In 1871 he left home to begin his business career, and, coming to Crawford county, he worked by the month as a farm hand for three years, following which he engaged in breaking prairie and threshing. He broke between twelve and fifteen hundred acres of prairie during the early years of his residence in this county, which was then very sparsely settled. In 1878 he first located upon his present farm, but later spent three years elsewhere, returning in 1886. All the improvements upon the property have been made by him.

For his wife and helpmate Mr. Miller chose Miss Minnie O. Thompson, who passed away on the 14th of November, 1908, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Manilla. Seven children were born unto them: C. F. and W. A., both residents of Isabel, South Dakota; and John M., Eli Alfred, Hugh Edward, Guy Elijah and Clarence Chester, all of whom are at home.

The family attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church of which Mrs. Miller was a member. When he first attained his majority Mr. Miller gave his political support to the candidates of the democratic party, but being a gold standard man he transferred his allegiance to the republican party when Bryan first ran for president. Although he takes an interest in local affairs he has never been an office seeker, as his personal interests have always demanded his entire attention. No man in Iowa township is any more entitled to be termed self-made than is Charles Miller, whose measure of success is attributable to his own perseverance and thrift and is generally so recognized by those who know him.

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### JOHN A. DORFLER.

As a stock raiser and feeder John A. Dorfler, of Soldier township, ranks high in the estimation of his neighbors and acquaintances, having made a success of his business and acquired an established reputation for straightforward dealing. He was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, May 24, 1870, a son of John and Augusta (Stegemann) Dorfler. The parents were both born in Germany and a record of their lives appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Dorfler of this review was reared as a farm boy and attended the district schools, devoting his attention closely as the years passed to farming and stock-raising. He continued at home with his father until twenty-five years of age and then began farming on his own account on land belonging to his father, which he cultivated for sixteen years. Upon the division of the estate he received one hundred and sixty acres of highly improved land on section 13, Soldier township. He has given special attention to stock-feeding and although he is an extensive grain raiser, he buys grain from other farmers, as he feeds to his stock more than he can raise himself. He is an excellent judge of farm animals and handles none but good grades.

On the 2d of June, 1895, Mr. Dorfler was united in marriage to Miss Edith B. Meyer, who was born at Denison, Iowa, July 21, 1876, a daughter of August and Henrietta (Harder) Meyer, who were born, reared and married in Germany. They emigrated to America in 1864 and took up their residence at Pontiac, Illinois, where the father followed the tailor's trade, which he had learned in his native country. After a short time he began farming in that state, but in 1874 came to Iowa and bought land in Crawford county. However, he lived in Denison and conducted a hotel for seven years before he located on his farm. In 1900 he retired and has since made his home at Lake View, Iowa. He was very successful in business and became the owner of eight hundred acres of good land in Jackson township. He is now seventy-six years of age, while his wife is one year his junior. There were fourteen children in their family, five of whom are now living, namely: Minnie, the wife of William Heller, of Lake View; Arthur, of Guthrie Center, Iowa; Frantz, of Auburn, Iowa; Edith B., now Mrs. John A. Dorfler; and William, of Crawford county. Three children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dorfler, one of whom died in in-

fancy, the others being Frank W., who was born February 11, 1897, and John A., born March 18, 1909.

Politically Mr. Dorfner supports the democratic party. He has not desired nor sought public office but has served as a member of the school board for two years. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Charter Oak and also with the lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America. Energetic and self-reliant, he has in his business shown an ability that is highly creditable. By the concentration of his energies he has achieved gratifying financial returns and his reputation for honesty has never been questioned.

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#### HENRY W. MAYNARD.

Henry W. Maynard was one of the most extensive and successful agriculturists of Crawford county, where he owned five hundred and sixty acres of land. He was born in Kane county, Illinois, May 29, 1850, a son of Abraham and Ann (Terwilliger) Maynard, both of whom were natives of New York state and who in 1845 removed to Illinois, where they located on a farm. To this couple eight children were born, of whom the following are still living: George, who resides in Lake View, Iowa; Edwin and Charles, both of whom live in Illinois; and Etta, who is the wife of S. M. Dow and lives in Illinois. The deceased members of the family are: Henry, of this review; James, who died in Lake View in 1910; Mary, whose death occurred at the age of twelve years; and Philip, who died in infancy.

Henry W. Maynard secured his early education in the public schools of Kane county and on attaining his majority worked as a farm hand until 1876, when he purchased forty acres of land and began farming on his own account. He sold this property in 1880 and purchased eighty acres on sections 8 and 9, Jackson township, and to this land he continued to add as his financial circumstances would permit until his holdings aggregated five hundred and sixty acres of the finest cultivated land in Crawford county and upon which he made all modern improvements in the way of fences and outbuildings. Here he followed general farming in all its branches but made a specialty of feeding and shipping live stock, in which he met with more than usual success.

In 1876 Mr. Maynard was married to Miss Julia Lane, a daughter of W. M. and Julia (Adams) Lane, the former of whom was a native of Syracuse, New York. In their family were two children, the other one being Leroy C., who resides in Troy, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Maynard became the parents of seven children, namely: Ruby, who is the wife of John Richardson, of Omaha, Nebraska; Lily, who married Anthony Slechta, of Fowler, Kansas; George and William, who live in Crawford county; James, who resides in Kansas; Harrison and Henry, at home.

In politics Mr. Maynard was interested in the welfare of the republican party, which always had his support, and he was active in all public movements that tended toward the betterment of his community, and he served as township supervisor. Fraternally he affiliated with the Masons and his wife is a mem-





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ber of the Order of the Eastern Star. A few weeks before his death, which occurred April 19, 1911, he went to Sioux City and took the fourteenth degree in Masonry. His remains were interred in Vail cemetery. In his religious views he followed the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal church. His worth as a man and citizen is demonstrated by the high regard in which he was uniformly held, while his ability as a business man is attested to in the acquirement of the valuable property which he owned and in the conduct of which made him one of the substantial citizens of Crawford county.

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### PROFESSOR WALTER CROSBY VAN NESS.

Among the practical educators of the west Walter Crosby Van Ness, principal of the Denison Normal & Business College, occupies an honored place. Ever since leaving the university, nearly thirty years ago, he has devoted his time and energies to teaching and the success he has attained is evidence that he made no mistake in the selection of a calling. He was born in Perry, Lake county, Ohio, October 7, 1854, a son of James and Laura Ann (Cook) Van Ness, both of whom were born in New York. The father was a tanner and currier by trade and became a successful farmer. He died in Lake county, Ohio, in 1909 at the age of seventy-five years, but the beloved wife and mother is still living. She is a faithful member of the Methodist church, as was her husband. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Caleb Van Ness, was a native of New York state and also was a tanner and currier. He was a local Methodist preacher and made a record for marrying people. Politically he was a zealous supporter of the republican party. He had a large family, most of his children dying in early manhood or womanhood and only one is now living, Henry Van Ness, of Perry, Lake county, Ohio. Joseph Cook, the maternal grandfather, was born April 1, 1800, and died September 13, 1844. He married Nancy Richmond, and there were twelve children in their family, namely: Joseph W., Nancy J., Jehial P., Laura Ann, Colonel B., Susan Maria, James B. I, James B. II, Cynthia R., Benjamin A., Martha Amelia and Emma A. To James and Laura Ann (Cook) Van Ness three children were born: Walter Crosby, the subject of this review; Eugenia, who died when a small child; and Emogene, now the wife of D. J. Webb of Perry, Ohio.

Walter Crosby Van Ness was reared on his father's farm and received his preliminary education in the district schools of Lake county, later attending a select school, Madison Seminary and Grand River Institute at Austinburg, Ashtabula county, Ohio. He matriculated in the Western Reserve University, graduating from that noted institution in 1883 with a degree of A. B., and three years later took the degree M. A. from the same university. He began teaching in New Lyme Institute at South New Lyme, Ashtabula county, Ohio, immediately after his graduation and continued there for seven years, then becoming principal of the city high school of Ravenna, Ohio, in which position he acquitted himself with high credit. In 1893 he came to Denison and has since been principal of the Denison Normal & Business College, building up the institution until it is now one of the most popular of its kind in this part of the country.



On the 27th of June, 1883, Mr. Van Ness was united in marriage to Miss Ida R. Webb, a native of Lake county, Ohio, and a daughter of Wilford and Wilhelmina (Champion) Webb. Her parents were natives of Schoharie county, New York, and the mother is now living at Perry, Ohio, the father having passed away at the age of seventy years. There were three children in their family: Ida R., Delbert J., and Carrie, deceased. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Ness has been brightened by the birth of four children: Grace R., who is a graduate of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa; Loretta I., who is now a teacher of Denison College; Irene L. and Hubert J., both students in the public schools.

Politically Mr. Van Ness gives his support to the republican party, whose principles of protection and centralization he heartily endorses. Fraternally he is identified with Symbol Lodge, No. 452, A. F. & A. M., of South New Lyme, Ohio; Doudall Lodge, No. 90, Knights of Pythias, of Denison; and the Woodmen of the World. He and his wife are both members of the Order of the Eastern Star. He has received wide recognition on account of his marked ability as a teacher and school manager. A constant student, he keeps abreast of the times on all subjects pertaining to his calling, and as a public speaker he is in wide demand upon educational topics. He has a host of friends and former students in all the states of the west and has no cause to regret that eighteen years ago he established his home in the beautiful city of Denison.

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#### N. E. LARSON.

Through his well directed industry N. E. Larson has attained a responsible position among the citizens of Crawford county and is the owner of a beautiful farm in Otter Creek township which yields a handsome annual revenue. He was born in Sweden, December 11, 1865, a son of Lars and Mary Larson, both natives of Sweden. The father died in 1868 and in 1877 the mother came with her children to America, settling upon a farm in Crawford county. She passed away March 3, 1905. In the family were three children: Anna, now the wife of Robert Anderson, of Kiron; J. G., of Crawford county; and N. E., the subject of this review.

N. E. Larson was educated in the common schools of Sweden and came with his mother to this country when twelve years of age. After arriving in Crawford county he worked for three years for his uncle and then was employed by other farmers in the neighborhood for two years. Having arrived at an age when he could begin independently with a good prospect of success and being inspired by a laudable ambition, he started out on his own account by renting land, and in 1892 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on sections 13 and 24, Otter Creek township, upon which he established his home. The place is well improved and has been made one of the highly productive properties of the township. He is a good judge of stock, and being energetic, alert and enterprising, he is regarded as one of the substantial men of the community. Independent of his agricultural interests, he is a stockholder in the Farmers Lumber Company of Kiron and a director of the Farmers Telephone Company.

In September, 1888, Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Swanson, who was born in Sweden, a daughter of Nels and Tora (Nelson) Swanson, mention of whom is made in the sketch of N. P. Swanson elsewhere in this work. Seven children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Larson: Hazel C., who was born August 2, 1889, and is now the wife of Enoch Miller, of Sac county, Iowa; Mae Anna Marie, born April 26, 1891, who graduated from rural schools; Ruth E., who was born December 2, 1892, and is living at home; Julia H., born October 11, 1894; Abbie E., born January 28, 1897; Raymond N., born December 4, 1899; and Esther Matilda, born November 16, 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson are stanch believers in the authority and inspiration of the Bible and are active workers in the Baptist church, in which he is a member of the board of trustees. He gives his support to the republican party, believing that its principles accord with the progress of the age and can best subserve the interests of the republic. He and his wife are at the head of a happy family and they have many friends in this part of the county who enjoy the hospitality of their attractive home.

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#### ANDREW HARRINGTON.

The keynote of the success of Andrew Harrington as a farmer is a practical knowledge of his business and a habit he acquired early in life to perform to the best of his ability anything his hands found to do. As a result his farm is one of the highly productive properties of West Side township and he enjoys a goodly measure of prosperity. He is a native of Cedar county, Iowa, born April 30, 1867, and is a son of John and Hannah Harrington, both of whom were born in County Cork, Ireland. They came to the new world as children with their parents, the two families locating at Fall River, Massachusetts. There they were married and later removed to Richmond, Virginia, from which place they went to Boston, Massachusetts, finally starting westward. They lived for a while in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and then for two years in Cedar county, Iowa, but in 1871 came to Crawford county and settled upon a farm which is now the family homestead. Mr. Harrington was a man of great industry, and he improved his place with a handsome residence and other buildings, all of which indicated good taste and judgment. He was successful as an agriculturist and stock-raiser and his death July 1, 1888, was a distinct loss to the community. The mother continued for seventeen years at the old home and was called from earthly scenes June 24, 1905. There were fourteen children in their family, six of whom are now living, namely: Mary, who is the widow of Charles Dupont; William, who lives in West Side township; Joseph, of Crawford county; Maggie, who makes her home at Vail; Michael, of South Dakota; and Andrew, of this review.

Andrew Harrington came with his parents to Crawford county at the age of four years, and in his boyhood and youth attended the public school, devoting his attention to various duties about the house and farm when not occupied with his books. After the death of his father he continued upon the home place, of

which he is now the owner. It comprises three hundred and twenty acres on section 33, West Side township, and as he gives his best thought to his work and keeps fully abreast of the times in everything pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising, he has met with an abundant measure of success.

In 1891 Mr. Harrington was united in marriage to Miss Rosa O'Connell, who was born at Dubuque, Iowa, a daughter of John and Rose O'Connell, both of whom are now deceased. There were four children in their family. Two children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrington, namely: Blanch M., and Earl C., both of whom are now attending high school at Vail. Mrs. Harrington, the beloved wife and mother, passed away February 25, 1899, and her remains were interred in the cemetery at Vail. She was a consistent member of the Catholic church and possessed many estimable traits of mind and character.

Mr. Harrington has met with deserved success in his business. He is an enterprising and broad-minded man, fully awakened as to the opportunities and possibilities of the twentieth century, and he has enhanced the beauty and value of his surroundings. Religiously he is identified with the Catholic church and politically gives his adherence to the democratic party.

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#### JACOB WEISS.

One of the extensive landowners of Crawford county is Jacob Weiss, who is successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising on his homestead of two hundred and twenty acres in Denison township. Born in Germany on the 25th of March, 1860, he is a son of George and Madelaine (Feuerbach) Weiss. The mother passed away in the fatherland, but the father emigrated to the United States in 1880, first locating in Chicago, where he resided for fifteen months. Removing to Denison at the end of that period, he continued to reside here until he passed away in 1894 at the age of seventy-six.

The early years of Jacob Weiss were spent in his native land, attending the common schools, where he acquired his education. He was only a youth when he took up his residence in the United States, but being both energetic and thrifty he and his brother accumulated the necessary capital to buy one hundred and sixty acres of land in Washington township, in the cultivation of which they engaged until our subject's marriage. Subsequently they divided the farm, each taking eighty acres, and by rigid economy and careful management, Mr. Weiss added one hundred and twenty acres to his tract, which he continued to operate for eighteen years. Disposing of that place in 1901, he removed to Denison township, where he purchased one hundred and forty acres, later adding another eighty and thus making the aggregate two hundred and twenty. Here he is engaged in general farming and stock-feeding, devoting particular attention to the latter, now having seven hundred sheep, one hundred and fifty head of cattle and about two hundred hogs, which he is preparing for the market. A most capable and energetic man, Mr. Weiss has met with marked success in his ventures, which is doubtless due to his unusual foresight and well directed ef-

fort, which have resulted in his acquiring three hundred acres of land on sections 25 and 16, Willow township, in addition to his excellent homestead. His home farm, which is on section 11, Denison township, is well improved and under a high state of cultivation, being considered one of the valuable properties in the locality.

On the 14th of November, 1883, Mr. Weiss' plans for a home had their culmination in his marriage to Miss Rosa Bachman. Fifteen children have been born of this union: George; Albert; John; Emily; Matilda; Edward, deceased; Annie; Martha; August, deceased; Ruth; Clara; Marie; Theodore; Walter; and Elizabeth.

The religious views of the family accord with those of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, with which they affiliate. Ever since acquiring the right of franchise Mr. Weiss has given his political support to the men and measures of the republican party, considering that the principles of that organization are best adapted to subserve the interests of the majority. He has been the choice of his party for a number of the township offices, the duties of which he discharged most creditably. Mr. Weiss has never regretted the transference of his allegiance to the United States and feels that the conditions existing in this country are such that any young man possessing energy and perseverance can win a place for himself.

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#### W. D. MUNDT.

General farming and stock-raising claim the attention of W. D. Mundt, who during his entire career has been identified with the agricultural development of Crawford county. He is one of those thrifty and enterprising sons of Germany, who through the intelligent direction of their activities have become numbered among the successful landowners of the county. His birth occurred in Hanover on the 12th of February, 1873, which was also the birthplace of his parents, Diedrich and Sophia (Meyer) Mundt. They emigrated to the United States in 1880, first locating in East Boyer township, Crawford county, where the father purchased forty acres of land. On disposing of that place, he purchased a farm on section 5, Nishnabotny township, in the cultivation of which he engaged until his retirement nine years ago. Since 1902 Mr. and Mrs. Diedrich Mundt have been making their home in Denison, having acquired during their residence in this country a competence which provides them with the comforts of life. They are the parents of three children: W. D., our subject; Minnie, who is a resident of California; and Lena, of Denison. They affiliate with the Lutheran church, and Mr. Mundt gives his political support to the democratic party.

As he was a lad of seven years when his parents settled in the United States, W. D. Mundt has spent practically his entire life not only in the state of Iowa but in Crawford county. His boyhood and youth were quite similar to those of other lads of his circumstances, his education being obtained in the district schools and his vacations largely occupied in assisting his father in the cultiva-

tion of the homestead. He remained a member of the paternal household until he had attained his twenty-third year, at which time he started out for himself. His energies have always been intelligently directed and as a result he has met with more than moderate success, having acquired six hundred acres of fine farming land. It is all under an excellent state of cultivation and is well stocked with full-blooded hogs and cattle, which he feeds himself.

In 1896 Mr. Mundt's plans for a home of his own had their culmination in his marriage to Miss Anna Lochmiller, a daughter of Herman Lochmiller, of East Boyer township. Three children have been born of this union: Bernhard, Lulela and Reinhard.

The church affiliation of the family is with the Lutheran denomination, while politically Mr. Mundt supports the principles of the democratic party, for whose candidates he always votes. Any man who acquires through his own unaided effort the amount of property owned by Mr. Mundt possesses those qualities which make for success in any vocation in life if wisely applied, namely, energy and determination.

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#### N. P. SWANSON.

The business interests of Crawford county have many worthy representatives who have won their way to responsible positions in the community by intelligent application and a zeal which never yielded to difficulties. Among the men who thus deserve mention is N. P. Swanson, a well known and highly respected citizen of Kiron. He is a native of Sweden, born September 27, 1865, and a son of Nels and Tora Swanson, both of whom were born in Sweden. They came to America in 1871 and located on a farm in Crawford county, Iowa, continuing here during the remainder of their lives. There were eight children in their family, four of whom are now living, namely: Matilda, the wife of N. E. Larson, of Crawford county, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Celia, now Mrs. Adolph Linberg, of Omaha, Nebraska; N. P., the subject of this review; and Samuel, of Woodbury county, Iowa.

N. P. Swanson came to Iowa with his parents when six years of age and received his early education in the schools of Crawford county. He assisted his father upon the home farm until he arrived at the age of seventeen and then, desiring to begin farming for himself, rented the homestead which he cultivated with a success that gave bright promise as to his future. Subsequently he purchased the farm on which the village of Kiron now stands and as the years passed he prospered greatly in his work, so that he is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Crawford county and five hundred and twenty acres in Woodbury county. He engages extensively in buying, selling and shipping stock of all kinds, and as he is a good judge of animals and a man of large experience in the business, he has attained a gratifying measure of success. Aside from his other lines of activity, he is a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Telephone Company.

In 1887 Mr. Swanson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Olson, a native of Sweden and a daughter of Peter and Anna Olson, both of whom are de-

ceased. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Swanson, namely: Emma E., the wife of Oscar Larson, of Sioux City, Iowa; and Mabel, Roy, Edna, Judith, Elmer, Leslie, Evelyn and Teddie M., all of whom are at home.

Politically Mr. Swanson votes the republican ticket, and although he has not sought the emoluments of office, he has served most acceptably as a member of the town council of Kiron. Fraternally he is identified with the camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at Schleswig, Iowa. He is a public-spirited man and is ever ready to assist in any movement that sincerely aims to lift the burdens from shoulders unable to bear them. He and his estimable wife are at the head of a large and promising family and they have endeavored to install into their children the principles of industry and self-respect so important in the accomplishment of any worthy object in life.

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### H. W. LOGSDON.

H. W. Logsdon, who for the past eleven years has devoted his time and energies to the cultivation and improvement of his two hundred acre farm located on sections 13 and 14, Union township, was born July 24, 1865, near Newton, Jasper county, Iowa, a son of Rev. B. F. and C. J. (Logsdon) Logsdon, both natives of Kentucky, the father's birth taking place near Munfordville. The mother was of German parentage. Rev. Logsdon came to Iowa when about twenty years of age and located near Newton, where he resided at intervals until a few years ago. He followed the calling of ministry for three and a half years in Crawford county during the '80s and was attached to the Wesleyan Methodist church in Marshall. His father was born in Ireland and there engaged in farming until he emigrated to the United States. He settled in Kentucky, where his death occurred when his son, B. F., was seven years old. Unto B. F. Logsdon and his wife nine children were born, of whom the following survive: H. W., of this review; F. G., who is a farmer living near Ira, Iowa; Charles, who resides in Rhodes, Iowa; Lulu, who is the wife of W. F. Sissel and lives in Durant, Iowa; Maud, who married Iddo Kinsel and resides near Tama, Iowa.

The public schools of Jasper county afforded H. W. Logsdon his early education and he remained at home until attaining his majority, when he resolved to start out in life upon his own responsibility. He rented land in Denison township, Crawford county, where he farmed for one year, and then removed to Paradise township, buying a small farm, which he improved and cultivated for twelve years. In 1900 he came to Union township, where he purchased land on sections 13 and 14, to which he has added from time to time until he now owns two hundred acres of highly cultivated farming property, most of the improvements being the result of his personal labors. Here he pursues general farming and his holdings are considered to be among the most valuable in his section of the county.

In 1887 Mr. Logsdon was united in marriage to Miss Deborah Smith, a daughter of T. R. B. and Jane (Graham) Smith, both of whom were born in

Canada of Irish parents. They came to the United States about thirty-five years ago and located in Denison township, whence they removed to Union township. Six children were born to them, of whom the following survive: Sarah Jane, who lives in Denison; Deborah; R. B., who is a farmer in Union township; and John, who resides in Oakland, California. The father departed this life June 24, 1890, the demise of the mother occurring in 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Logsdon are the parents of seven children, namely: Gertrude, who, after being graduated from the Dow City high school, pursued a course of musical studies at Simpson College and later taught school for four terms in Crawford county, became the wife of Frank J. Glassburner and resides in Union township. Birl W., Fred H., Bertha J., Herman Leslie, Clarence Russell and Stanley Smith are living under the parental roof. Birl is a graduate of the Dow City high school, and it is the intention of the parents to give the other children the same educational advantages as soon as their years will permit.

Politically Mr. Logsdon has always given his support to the republican party and has taken an active interest in the local affairs of the township. He filled the office of justice of the peace with efficiency and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents and served two terms as school director. In religion both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are well and favorably known throughout the community. He is deeply interested in everything that pertains to the material, intellectual and moral development of the locality in which he lives and is a man of many friends—an honored and respected resident of Union township.

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### JOHN D. O'HARA.

The young men of Denison find a worthy representative in John D. O'Hara, who is now serving as clerk in the postoffice of this city. Active, ambitious and enterprising, he has made a start which gives bright promise for a life of usefulness and honor. He comes of Irish ancestry and is a native of Peru, Indiana, born May 23, 1888, and a son of Michael and Nora (Kelley) O'Hara. The father was born in Ireland and the mother in Indiana. Michael O'Hara came to America with his parents in his boyhood. He was reared in this country and is still living in Indiana. His wife departed this life in 1890. There were seven children in their family, five of whom survive.

At two years of age, having lost his mother, John D. O'Hara became a member of the family of his uncle, Patrick Burke, of Denison, Iowa, with whom he still makes his home. He was given every desirable advantage of education in school and college and applied himself to his studies with most excellent results. Two years ago he was appointed a clerk in the postoffice by Mr. Myers, in which position he has since continued. Politically he gives his support to the democratic party and fraternally is a valued member of the Improved Order of Redmen, in which he is serving as sachem.

By his geniality, gentlemanly address and other sterling qualities Mr. O'Hara has made a host of friends and well wishers who are unanimously of the opinion that he is one of the most promising young men of the city. His life has been entirely upright and honorable, and in business he has acquitted himself in such a way as to meet the approval of patrons of the postoffice and of all with whom he has come into contact.

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### HENRY SHIRTCLIFF.

Crawford county owes much to those men who came west of the Mississippi river when their principal fortune consisted of their strong arms and their indomitable will. By undaunted perseverance they carved out for themselves honorable names and a competence, becoming financially independent. Of this class of men is Henry Shirtcliff, now living retired at Denison. He was born in Yorkshire, England, September 6, 1830, a son of Edward and Hannah (Makin) Shirtcliff, both natives of England. The father was educated for the Episcopal ministry, but did not take kindly to that calling, so he began clerking in his father's store and afterward became a successful merchant. He emigrated to America and settled at Lynnvile, Morgan county, Illinois, where he engaged in general merchandising. He made a trip to England at the time of Queen Victoria's coronation and bought a stock of goods there, shipping it to this country. The boat to which it was transferred sank in the Mississippi river, the goods being recovered two weeks later in a badly damaged condition. Mr. Shirtcliff made a fair start in life but died at the beginning of a useful career, in 1840, being then only thirty-six years old. His wife died about 1875, at the age of seventy-three years. She was a faithful member of the Methodist church.

Edward Shirtcliff, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of England. He was also a dry-goods merchant and was the father of three children: Edward, Sarah and Jane. The maternal grandfather, Richard Makin, was a shoe merchant, and his wife was Catharine Greenwood before her marriage. There was one son and several daughters in their family. The son died when a small boy and the daughters were Isabella, Elizabeth, Hannah, Harriet, Ann, and Rebecca. There were four children in the family of Edward and Hannah Shirtcliff, namely: Frederick Edward, who is now living at Kilbourne, Mason county, Illinois; Henry, the subject of this review; Catharine, who became the wife of Fred Smithson and is now deceased; and Alfred, also deceased.

Henry Shirtcliff came with his parents to America when two years of age and grew to manhood near Jacksonville, in Morgan county, Illinois, receiving his education in private schools. He began his business career by working as a farm hand and later engaged in farming on his own account in Morgan county, also being identified with the live stock, milling, merchandising and butchering business. At thirty-five years of age, in 1865, he went to Minnesota and continued in that state for eight years, but believing that better opportunities were



presented in Iowa, he came to Crawford county and in 1873 began cultivating a farm two miles north of Deloit, in Goodrich township. Three years later he removed to Vail, where he engaged in the live stock business for seventeen or eighteen years. In 1905 he retired, taking up his home at Denison with his daughter, Mrs. Ainsworth. He is the owner of a well improved farm of two hundred acres in Willow township.

On the 5th of December, 1851, Mr. Shirtcliff was united in marriage to Miss Frances Colley, who was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1827. Nine children came to bless this union: Edward, Fred, Fannie, Edith, Minnie, Alice, John, Charles and Katie. Edward, now engaged in the land business in Alberta county, Canada, married Miss Rose Nixon and they have two sons, Alfred and Henry. Fred is in charge of the home farm in Willow township. He married Miss Hattie Cady and they have two children, Frankie and Fred. Fannie married Rol Riley and became the mother of thirteen children, but she is now deceased. Edith married John Ainsworth, of Denison, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

In 1906 Mr. Shirtcliff was called upon to mourn the loss of his beloved wife, whose many estimable qualities greatly endeared her to the entire community. She was a sincere member of the Episcopal church, but her husband has never been identified with any religious denomination. Since 1865 he has been connected with the Masonic order, having been made a Master Mason at that time. Politically he affiliates with the republican party. He cast his first vote for John C. Fremont, "the Pathfinder," and has voted for every republican candidate for president since that time. He served as a member of the town board in Vail but has never aspired to political honors, preferring to devote his attention to his private affairs. Today he is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of the county and has the satisfaction of knowing that he has gained his position almost entirely through his own unremitting diligence. A thorough gentleman and a citizen who has assisted materially in advancing the general welfare, he well merits the respect and esteem in which he is held.

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#### CHARLIE GREENE.

Charlie Greene is a worthy representative of German-American citizenship in Hanover township, where he owns and operates two hundred and eighty acres of finely improved land. He was born in Illinois October 5, 1867, a son of William and Dora (Messenbrink) Greene. The parents were natives of Hanover, Germany, where they were reared and married, after which they emigrated to the United States, first locating near Chicago, Illinois. They both worked in the employ of others for a year after their arrival in the new world and in this way gained their start in life. Mr. Greene then rented a small tract of land, which he operated for a few years. He carefully managed his business affairs and worked diligently and persistently, so that he was eventually able to purchase land, becoming the owner of one hundred acres. After a few years he sold that tract and invested his money in another tract of one hundred

and sixty acres, which remained in his possession for a few years, when he disposed of his property in Illinois and, seeking the broader opportunities of Iowa, located in Crawford county. He here purchased four hundred and eighty acres of improved land and for ten years operated the same. He was successful in his undertakings and at the end of a decade had secured a competency that enabled him to retire from business cares, and since that time he has made his home with his children, having now reached the advanced age of eighty-three years. His wife, however, has departed this life, her death occurring on Christmas day of 1891. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Greene were born eight children, but five of the number are deceased, two having died prior to the emigration of the family to this country, and two died in the United States during their infancy, while Emma passed away at the age of seven years. Those living are: Louis, who follows farming near Charter Oak, Iowa; Charlie, of this review; and August, who is now living retired in Sioux City, Iowa.

Charlie Greene spent his early boyhood and youth upon the home farm in Illinois and accompanied his parents on their removal to Crawford county, Iowa. He acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of twenty-four years, when he started out to make his own way in the world by renting a part of the old homestead. After a year, however, his father deeded to him one hundred and sixty acres of his land, to which he has since added by purchase, his possessions now embracing two hundred and eighty acres. His land lies in Hanover township, and all has been placed under a high state of cultivation, so that he annually gathers good crops as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon it. In addition to his farming he raises stock to a considerable extent, black polled cattle being his specialty. He raises and feeds from one to two carloads of cattle each year and always realizes a good profit in the city markets.

It was on the 11th of June, 1891, that Mr. Greene was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Neddermeyer, who was born in Charter Oak, Crawford county, a daughter of Christ and Katrina (Kunze) Neddermeyer, both natives of Hanover, Germany. The father came as a young man to the United States and for a few years after his arrival worked in New York. He then came to Iowa, locating in Jackson county, where his marriage to Miss Kunze occurred. They have become the parents of ten children, but two of the number are now deceased. Those living are: Sophia, now Mrs. Greene; Marvin, who follows farming near Charter Oak; Julius, who also engages in farming near Charter Oak; Rosa, the wife of Robert Pautsch, a farmer residing near Johnson, Minnesota; Annie, of Mitchell, South Dakota; Emma, the wife of Henry Rickett, also of Mitchell; Adolph and Elsie, at home. Those deceased are Otto and Christ. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Greene have been born four sons, namely: William, who was born on Christmas day of 1895, and has just completed his education in the common schools and who can read, write and speak the German as well as the English language; Herbert, who was born July 5, 1901, and is now in school; Erwin, born May 29, 1905; and Clarence, who was born October 19, 1909.

Mr. Greene supports the men and measures of the republican party, but is not an active worker in political circles. He and his family attend and support

the German Lutheran church. It is true he had better advantages than many a young man starting out in life, but he has since improved each and every opportunity that has come to him and his diligence and perseverance have gained him the success that now gives him rank among the leading farmers and stock-raisers of Hanover township and Crawford county. He is well known, too, for his fair and honorable dealing, and all who know him speak of him in terms of praise and commendation.

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### ENOCK T. COCHRAN.

Forty-two years ago Enoch T. Cochran came to Denison and he has been a witness of its progress, assisting materially in the work which has made this city one of the most attractive places of its size in the state. He was born in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, June 29, 1855, a son of John M. and Lucinda (Gillaspey) Cochran, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. The father was a farmer and came west with his family in 1869, settling in Goodrich township, Crawford county, Iowa, upon a farm of ninety acres, which he and his sons carefully cultivated. In 1878 he removed to Denison, where he continued to reside until his death at the age of seventy-five years. His wife departed this life in 1878, having arrived at the age of sixty-seven years. She and her husband were consistent members of the United Presbyterian church.

Robert Cochran, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and became one of the respected farmers of his section. He was married to Mary Moore, who died at the age of eighty years, and they were the parents of three children: John M., William and Lavina, who became the wife of Peter France. Robert Gillaspey, the maternal grandfather, was also a farmer of Pennsylvania. He removed from Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, to Crawford county in the same state in 1818, and died there when about ninety-two years of age. There were seven children in his family, namely: Lucinda, Mary, Margaret, Hannah, Elizabeth, Jane and Joseph.

The family of John M. and Lucinda Cochran consisted of seven children, namely: Robert G., now in Los Angeles, California; William, of Denison, Iowa; Murray J., of Tonopah, Nevada; Wesley, deceased; Charles J., of Phoenix, Arizona; Enoch T., the subject of this review; and a daughter who died in infancy.

Enoch T. Cochran lived in Crawford and Venango counties, Pennsylvania, until fourteen years of age and received his early education in the common schools, coming to Denison with his parents in 1869. After arriving at his new home he took advantage of the opportunities offered by the excellent public-school system and when the time arrived for him to begin his business career he started as a clerk in one of the stores of this city. Subsequently, he was appointed deputy postmaster, serving for three and one-half years under Reuben Heffelfing, and under J. Fred Meyers. He later went to Harlan, Iowa, and there filled the position of deputy postmaster for six years. Returning to Denison in 1885, he was made deputy county treasurer and continued in that office until

1900. Previously he had filled the office of township clerk and was for six years city clerk of Denison. In the meantime he had engaged in the real-estate business and after retiring from the office of the county treasurer was connected with the implement business but since 1905 has devoted his attention to real estate and insurance, in which he has shown a capability productive of highly gratifying returns.

On the 28th of December, 1881, Mr. Cochran was united in marriage to Miss Clara L. Marshall, a native of New York, who came to Crawford county with her parents, William and Julia (Chapin) Marshall, in the fall of 1869, settling in Morgan township and later removing to Denison township. Both of her parents are now deceased. Six children were born to them: William H., Ella, Fred, Frank, Lewis and Clara L. One son, Clyde M., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cochran. He married Theresa Balsky, and is now in the employ of the Middle West Grain Company at Omaha. He is the father of two children: Robert Enoch and Howard Marshall. Mrs. Cochran having died in 1888, Mr. Cochran was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Ida M. Deuel, a native of New York state, and a daughter of Benjamin and Sylvia Deuel, who were the parents of two children, Alice and Ida M. Her father was twice married, one daughter, Alethia, being born to the first union. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cochran two children have been born: Sylvia Alice and Robert Lyman, the former of whom is now successfully engaged in teaching school, and the latter is a student in the senior class of the Denison high school and a highly promising young man.

In public affairs Mr. Cochran showed an ability that gained the general approval of the people, and in business he has met with a goodly measure of success and has obtained a competence for himself and family. He and his estimable wife are members of the Presbyterian church and active workers in its behalf. He is identified with Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., the Modern Woodmen of America and the Improved Order of Red Men, and is a staunch believer in the principles of those beneficent orders.

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#### ANDREW LARSON.

Andrew Larson has been actively and successfully identified with the agricultural interests of Crawford county for many years past and is now the owner of a well improved farm in Otter Creek township. He is a native of Sweden, born August 19, 1849, and is a son of John and Mary (Anderson) Larson, both of whom were born in Sweden. They came to America in 1867 and established their home in Pennsylvania, where the mother died. In 1877 the father removed to Crawford county, Iowa, and engaged in farming. He was killed by a tornado about 1882. There were nine children in his family, seven of whom are still living.

Andrew Larson came to America with his parents when he was eighteen years of age and continued at home until after reaching manhood. He began his business career by working in the coal mines in Pennsylvania but subse-

quently became connected with farming in Crawford county, Iowa, and carried on his work with such energy and good judgment that he was enabled to purchase two hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 25 and 26, Otter Creek township. He has made many improvements upon his farm, building barns, corn-cribs and fences, and setting out trees, etc., thus greatly enhancing its value. He engages in general farming but makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock for the market and has met with gratifying success.

In 1888 Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Falk, a native of Chicago and a daughter of Erick Falk, who emigrated to America with his wife from Sweden and is now deceased. The mother is still living and makes her home in Minnesota. Five children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Larson, namely: Hollis L., who was born October 10, 1889; Ive E., born June 22, 1892; Ervin E., born August 7, 1894; Ruby I., born January 9, 1897; and Orange H., born February 19, 1899. All are living at home.

Mr. Larson was called upon to mourn the death of his beloved wife, who passed away August 22, 1906, and whose remains were interred in Kiron cemetery. She was a faithful member of the Methodist church and was a woman of many excellent qualities which endeared her to all with whom she was associated. Mr. Larson is a man of genial disposition and is recognized as one of the reliable citizens of Crawford county, whose word is entirely to be depended upon and who aims to perform his whole duty in everything he undertakes. He is a sincere friend of education and a lover of his adopted country. He has set an example of unflagging industry well worthy of imitation by those who come after him, as it leads to almost certain victory. He is not identified with any religious denomination but is a firm adherent of the republican party whose principles appeal to him as being highly essential to the perpetuity of a free government.

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#### A. G. SCHOENJAHN.

Success has attended the efforts of A. G. Schoenjahn in establishing himself in business and he is now the owner of a farm in West Side township, which has developed into one of the desirable properties of Crawford county. His good fortune is the direct result of ambition and energy. He is a native of Clinton county, Iowa, born February 25, 1874, and is a son of Henry and Pauline Schoenjahn. The parents were both born in Germany and on coming to America took up their residence in Clinton county, Iowa. In 1878 the family removed to Sac county and three years later to Crawford county, where Mr. Schoenjahn established himself as an agriculturist and stock-raiser. His wife passed away in 1908, but he is still living. There were eight children in their family, five of whom survive.

A. G. Schoenjahn came with his parents to Crawford county at the age of seven years and received his early education in the public schools. He continued with his father until after reaching maturity and in 1899 removed to the farm which he now owns. It comprises two hundred and forty acres and is

located on section 22, West Side township. He carries on general farming and specializes in the raising and feeding of stock. As he thoroughly understands all phases of agriculture and stock-raising, he has met with deserved prosperity.

In 1899 Mr. Schoenjahn was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Doshe, who was born in Clinton county, a daughter of Henry and Caroline (Lamp) Doshe. The parents were born in Germany and came to this country, being now residents of Crawford county. There were eight children in their family, six of whom are living. Four children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Schoenjahn, namely: Perry W., Grace M., Glenn L. and Carrie P.

Mr. Schoenjahn and his wife are valued members of the Lutheran church. Politically he is identified with the democratic party, to which he has given his support ever since he reached manhood. He has not sought political honors, but is serving at the present time as township trustee and director of the school board, displaying in the discharge of his duties the same interest which he evinces in his own affairs. Fraternally he is connected with the Highland Nobles and with Camp No. 2991, M. W. A., of West Side. Mrs. Schoenjahn has been a valued assistant to her husband and as the head of the household has shown an ability which is greatly to be commended. He has led an active and useful life which gives promise of increasing efficiency in years to come.

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#### HENRY SCHWARZ.

Arriving in America in his early boyhood, Henry Schwarz came to Crawford county with his parents and has succeeded so well as an agriculturist and stock-raiser that he is now firmly established, being the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of good land. He was born in Germany, September 15, 1862, and is a son of Christian and Dorothea Schwarz, both of whom were natives of Germany. The family came to America in 1873 and spent nine years in Illinois. In 1882 they came to Iowa and settled in Crawford county, Mr. Schwarz buying a farm in Morgan township. He became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres, which he cultivated to excellent advantage and attained a gratifying measure of prosperity. He lived to reach the age of seventy-three years and his wife passed away at the age of seventy-two. They were the parents of six children, namely: Christian, of Chicago; John, of Illinois; Charles and Fritz, both of Crawford county; Henry, the subject of this review; and Caroline, who died in Germany at the age of three years.

Henry Schwarz received his education in the public schools of Germany and Illinois. He came to Crawford county with his parents at the age of twenty and two years later began farming on rented land. He was especially apt even in his boyhood in becoming acquainted with the details of agriculture and stock-raising and as an independent farmer he has been from the beginning remarkably successful. He bought one hundred and sixty acres as the foundation of his present farm on section 21, Soldier township, and as his resources increased purchased more land until he is now the owner of a highly improved place, which yields him generous returns each year. He is a general farmer and is

very successful as a stock-feeder, usually receiving the very best prices for what he has to offer in the market.

In 1885 Mr. Schwarz was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Henkle, who was born in Germany, February 20, 1863, and is a daughter of John and Caroline (Wendt) Henkle. Her parents came to America when the daughter was four years of age and after spending ten years in Illinois settled in Crawford county, Iowa. At the present time her father is visiting in Germany and her mother is in Arkansas. Their children are: Emma, now the wife of J. B. Crissman, of Arkansas; Herman, also of Arkansas; Augusta, deceased; Amelia, now Mrs. Henry Schwarz; and Emil, who died at the age of forty-four. Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Schwarz: Alma, who is now the wife of Louis Koeppen, of Crawford county; Carrie, at home; Walter E.; Emma; Elsie; and Henry.

Politically Mr. Schwarz is identified with the democratic party. He has been prominent in public affairs in his township and has served with great fidelity as assessor for three terms, trustee for one term and member of the school board for twelve years. The high esteem in which he is held by his neighbors is indicated by his election to responsible offices. Religiously he and his family are earnest adherents of the German Lutheran church.

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#### WILLIAM FLEMING.

After seeing a large part of the world, William Fleming settled in Crawford county and is now known as one of its representative citizens, his beautiful farm of three hundred and eighty acres in Stockholm township being convincing evidence of his business ability. He is a native of Scotland, born December 31, 1850, and is a son of Rev. James and Isabella (McClelland) Fleming, both of whom spent their entire lives in that country. There were twelve children in their family and eight of them are now living.

William Fleming was educated in the common schools and continued at home until sixteen years of age, when he yielded to an irresistible desire to visit distant countries and went on board a ship which carried him to New Zealand. He spent three and one-half years upon a ranch as a shepherd. Returning home, he remained for one and one-half years amid familiar scenes and then bade farewell to relatives and friends and crossed the ocean to America. In 1875 he located in Crawford county, Iowa, and purchased eighty acres of land in West Side township, which he cultivated with a goodly measure of success for nine years. Disposing of that farm, he bought land in Stockholm township and as the years passed and his resources increased he acquired adjoining farms until he now has one of the most valuable properties in the township. He devotes his attention largely to raising, feeding and shipping cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, and a visit to his place will prove that he has attained unusual success along these lines as well as in the cultivation of the grains. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers' Telephone Company of East Boyer.



**MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM FLEMING**





In 1883 Mr. Fleming was united in marriage to Miss Mary Currie, who was born in Scotland, December 25, 1864, a daughter of Duncan and Mary (Smith) Currie. The family came to America in 1872 and located in Sac county, Iowa. The parents are now deceased. Nine children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, namely: James D. and John, both of Crawford county; Mary and Grace I., at home; Jessie E., who is now engaged in teaching school; Margaret; Nellie and Willie, twins; and Charles R.

On the 24th of October, 1909, Mr. Fleming was called upon to mourn the loss of his beloved wife whose remains were interred in Odebolt cemetery, in Sac county. She was a true and helpful companion and a woman of many sterling qualities that greatly endeared her to those with whom she was associated. Mr. Fleming and his children are identified with the Methodist church and are active workers in its behalf. Politically he supports the principles and candidates of the republican party and although he has not sought public office he has served as a member of the school board and as road superintendent. He has always been governed by a desire to observe truth and justice in his dealings with his fellowmen, and he has many friends in a section where he has lived for more than a third of a century.

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#### GEORGE B. SMITH.

The gratifying success which has crowned the efforts of George B. Smith as head of a flourishing book store, is a bright prophecy as to his future in the business world. He has been identified with the book, stationery and news business only about two years but has fully demonstrated his ability in a line for which he seems especially adapted.

Born in Harrison county, Iowa, May 24, 1884, he is the son of Harrison and Sarah (Hammond) Smith, the former of whom was born in Vermont and the latter in Ohio. The father was reared in his native state and educated there, subsequently becoming a resident of Harrison county, Iowa. At the time of the Pikes Peak gold excitement he was attracted to the Rocky mountains and engaged for several years in prospecting and mining. He returned to Iowa and preempted land near Magnolia in Harrison county, becoming the owner of three hundred and twenty acres, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. He and his wife are now living retired at Woodbine, Iowa. They are greatly respected by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances and are earnest workers in the Methodist church. Our subject's grandfather Smith was a farmer of Vermont and reared four children: Mary, George, John and Harrison. John Hammond, the maternal grandfather, was a native of Ohio and also a farmer.

There were six children in the family of Harrison and Sarah Smith, namely: Orton, of Pisgah, Iowa; Carrie, now the wife of George H. Peyton, of Pisgah; Edna, now Mrs. O. L. Peyton, of Pisgah; John, deceased; Edith, who married Eugene Peyton, of Creighton, Nebraska; and George B., the subject of this review.

George B. Smith was reared on the paternal farm in Harrison county and attended the district schools, later becoming a student in the high school at Little Sioux. He continued his studies at the Woodbine Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1907. He taught for one year in that institution, but being attracted to mercantile life he came to Denison in 1908 and purchased the bookstore of U. G. Johnson, which he has since conducted under his own name. Under his management it has become one of the leading establishments of the city, the patronage from month to month showing a steady increase and attracting the best class of trade in the city.

On the 17th of January, 1909, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Edna Cater, a native of Carson, Iowa, and a daughter of Edward and Mary (Belknap) Cater, both of whom were born in Illinois. The mother died in Pottawattamie county, Iowa, and the father is now living on a farm near Woodbine. Three children in their family grew to maturity, namely: Roy, Claude and Edna. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one daughter, Wilhelmina M., who was born January 25, 1911.

The success of Mr. Smith is mainly due to his energy and good judgment, which are indispensable elements in accomplishing any important undertaking. Being a man of pleasing address, he readily makes friends and the attractive appearance of his store indicates that he has excellent taste and understands the art of displaying goods to the best advantage. He and his wife are well known in social circles and in religious belief are identified with the Methodist church. Politically Mr. Smith gives his earnest support to the republican party.

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#### HERMAN BAAK.

Although born in a great city, Herman Baak has spent nearly all his life amid the inviting scenes of Crawford county and he has no cause to regret that his lot was cast in a farming community. He is a representative agriculturist of Soldier township and the owner of one of the most attractive farms in his part of the county. A native of Chicago, he was born February 29, 1872, his parents being August and Sophia (Koch) Baak. They were born in Germany and came to America in 1868, passing the first six years in Chicago. In 1874 they arrived in Crawford county, Iowa, and Mr. Baak purchased one hundred and sixty acres, which he cultivated for six years. He then sold his farm and once more took up his residence at Chicago, where Mrs. Baak died in 1881. There were six children in their family, one of whom died in infancy. The others were: August, who died when a child; Herman, of this review; Emma, now the wife of Gustave Kroll, of Monona county, Iowa; Louis, who died at the age of four years; and Otto, who now lives in Chicago. The father returned to Crawford county with his children after the death of his wife and resumed farming, prosecuting his work with such energy that he became the owner of two hundred and forty acres of good land on section 33, Soldier township. He was again married, in 1886, to Miss Sophia Wickman and continued upon his farm until his death, which occurred in June, 1907. By his second

marriage four children were born, three of whom grew to maturity, namely: William, Richard and Ernest, all living in Crawford county. [The mother of these children makes her home in Ida county, being now the wife of Fred Meyer.] - 3<sup>rd</sup> wife of Herman Baak -

Herman Baak was educated in the public schools and applied himself to agriculture and stock-raising, continuing with his father until twenty-four years of age. He then rented land for four years, at the end of which time he purchased a farm comprising two hundred and forty acres on sections 32 and 33, Soldier township. It is provided with modern improvements and the fields yield abundant annual harvests. Mr. Baak has been an extensive stock-raiser and fed all of his grain to his stock, thus realizing the highest return for his labor. He left the farm in the spring of 1911, however, and is now conducting a garage and auto business at Ricketts.

In 1896 Mr. Baak was married to Miss Minnie Schelm, who was born in Crawford county, August 23, 1874, a daughter of Carl and Minnie (Sutroh) Schelm. Her parents were born in Germany and came to America, settling in Scott county, Iowa. Afterward they removed to Crawford county, where the father is engaged in farming. The mother died in 1886, and two years later Mr. Schelm was married to Miss Freda Fermeling, a native of Germany. By his first marriage four children were born: Minnie, now Mrs. Herman Baak; Doretta, who is the wife of Fred Hemmyers, of Nebraska; and William and Albert, also of Nebraska. By his second union two children were born: Gustave, who died at the age of ten months; and George, who is now living with his mother in Denison. Mr. Schelm died in 1897. Two children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Baak: Martha S., who was born August 28, 1898, and is now attending school; and Edna F., born November 26, 1899. 1907

In politics Mr. Baak votes in support of honest government administered according to business principles. He has not been an aspirant for public office but served very acceptably as a member of the school board. He and his wife are sincere adherents of the Lutheran church and firm believers in its teachings. As a farmer he has been highly successful and in the discharge of his duties as a citizen and head of a family he is governed by motives of integrity and honor which constitute the foundation of good citizenship.

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#### GEORGE NAEVE.

Some men are endowed with a capacity that overcomes every obstacle. They are the leaders in a community and whether in business or professional life easily occupy the first rank. To this class belongs George Naeve, vice president of the Crawford County State Bank, and one of the largest landowners of the county. He is a native of the village of Gross-Wittensee, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, born October 11, 1857, and is the only son of Jurgen and Catherina (Fleck) Naeve. The father was an industrious farmer of good reputation, he and his wife being members of the Lutheran church. The grandfather Fleck

on the maternal side married Marie Storch and they lived to be quite advanced in years, rearing a large family.

George Naeve received his preliminary education in the schools of his native land and as soon as he was old enough began working in a nursery near the city of Kiel, where he continued for two or three years. He then went to Hamburg and on arriving at the age of nineteen decided that he would seek his fortune in the new world. Accordingly, in 1876, he bade farewell to his relatives and friends and crossed the ocean to America, going to Jackson and Clinton counties, Iowa, where he was employed at farm work. In the winter of 1878 he removed to Kiron, Crawford county, and continued at farm labor in the summer, while attending school during the winter months. In the meantime he had gained a good knowledge of the English language and of the habits and customs of the people of his adopted country. In the spring of 1879 he came to Denison and entered a hardware store as a clerk, in which capacity he continued for four years, when he became connected with the McHenry Bank, being identified with that institution for five years. After resigning from his position in the bank he entered the real-estate, loan and abstract business, which he conducted with very marked success, becoming widely known on account of his large operations in real estate and investments. On January 1, 1907, he became vice president and a very large stockholder of the Crawford County State Bank, a position which he still occupies. He is very largely interested in real estate and did own several thousand acres of land in Crawford county and still has about eight thousand acres in partnership with Carl Gronau in North and South Dakota, these gentlemen also owning several town sites. His home in Denison is one of the most beautiful private residences of the city. He is vice president of the German Bank of Schleswig and the Farmers State Bank of Charter Oak and also a stockholder in the Kintyre State Bank of Kintyre, North Dakota, the Denison Improvement Company, the Denison Hospital Company and the Oakland Cemetery Association, being president of the Denison Improvement Company and a trustee of the Oakland Cemetery Association.

In December, 1885, Mr. Naeve was united in marriage to Miss Anna Knaul, a native of Berlin, Germany. She came to America with her parents at the age of four years, making her home in Clinton, Iowa, where her father was the owner of a drug store. He was three times married. His first wife died in Germany. The second passed away in Clinton, Iowa, and was the mother of Mrs. Naeve, while the third wife survived her husband, who died in middle life. There was one child by the first union, Rudolph Knaul; three daughters by the second, Gertrude, Anna and Lena; and two children by the third, Otto and Bertha. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Naeve has been brightened by the birth of four children: Marie, who is a graduate of the Denison high school and Lake Forest (Illinois) University and is now living at home; Louis, who died at the age of ten months; Erma, also a graduate of the Denison high school and now attending Lake Forest University; and Margaret, who died at the age of two months.

Mr. Naeve started as a young man in a strange country upon his own resources. Difficulties served only to spur him to renewed effort, strengthening his will and developing an indomitable spirit of self-reliance that are his promi-

nent characteristics. Today his name represents the highest business foresight and integrity, and he ranks as one of the most energetic and capable business men of Crawford county. His religious faith is indicated by membership in the Lutheran church, while his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. He is a trustee and stockholder of Denison College and is well known as a staunch friend of education.

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### HENRY C. KOLLS.

Although Henry C. Kolls is one of the younger representatives of farming and stock-raising interests in Crawford county, he is yet one of the well-to-do and prominent citizens of this section of the state, for he has an extensive acreage, his possessions comprising two hundred and eighty acres in East Boyer township and four hundred and six acres in Paradise and Denison townships. He took up his abode on the latter place in the spring of 1911 and is now bending his energies to the further development and improvement of this valuable property.

He is a native of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Clinton, February 11, 1873, his parents being Rudolph and Elna Eliza (Neilson) Kolls. The father, a native of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, emigrated to the United States in 1872 and first located in Clinton, where he spent the succeeding years up to 1879. He then came to Crawford county, locating on a farm in Goodrich township, where he lived until a short time prior to his death, when he removed to Denison, and there passed away on the 29th of November, 1908. He was prominent in the community in which he lived and for a number of years served as trustee of Goodrich township. His wife, who was born in Sweden, went to Germany when but six or seven years of age and was there reared and married. She died in Crawford county in 1895. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kolls were born nine children: Louisa, the wife of R. H. Brown, a resident of Denison; Carl, deceased; Maggie, who has also passed away; Anna, the wife of Julius Jensen, a resident of South Dakota; Henry C., of this review; Carl, the second of the name, now a resident of Hanover township, Crawford county; Adolph, who lives in Paradise township; Rudolph, a resident of South Dakota; and one who died in infancy.

Henry C. Kolls, the second son and fifth in order of birth, pursued his studies in the district schools of Goodrich township. He was early trained in the work of the home farm and during the period of his boyhood and youth assisted his father, with whom he remained until he had attained his majority. He then began farming on his own account, renting land of his father, and eventually he purchased a farm from him, operating the same for nine years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Denison, where he spent two years, after which he lived one year on a farm two and a half miles south of the city. In 1908 he took up his abode on a farm which he now rents, comprising two hundred and eighty acres of land in East Boyer township, and in the spring of 1911 removed to his farm of four hundred and six acres, located

partly in Paradise and partly in Denison township. He is giving his undivided attention to the further development and improvement of the latter place and it is one of the valuable tracts of that section of the county. He carries on general farming to some extent, but the major part of his time is given to the raising and feeding of live stock. In the year 1910 he fed six carloads of cattle and two carloads of hogs and this branch of his business is proving to him a gratifying source of revenue.

Mr. Kolls chose as a companion for the journey of life, Miss Christina Amelia Christensen, their marriage being celebrated in 1894. She is a daughter of M. and Mrs. M. F. Christensen, well known residents of Denison. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kolls have been born four children: Ella Louisa, Fred Carl, Henry Adolph and Leona Amelia.

Mr. Kolls gives stanch support to the republican party, always casting his ballot in support of the candidates on that ticket, yet he is not an office seeker. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. Perhaps the highest tribute that can be paid Mr. Kolls is that he has been successful in all of his undertakings and that he has so discharged his duties as a citizen and as a business man as to merit the confidence of those who know him best.

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#### HENRY HOLLMANN.

Thirty-seven years ago Henry Hollmann located in Crawford county and during the time that has since elapsed has developed his farm into one of the most productive properties in Morgan township. He deserves great credit for the work he has done, especially when it is considered that he began without capital and is therefore a self-made man. He was born in Germany, September 7, 1849, a son of T. H. and Anna (Blackwell) Hollmann, both of whom were natives of Germany and continued there during their entire lives. The mother died February 2, 1872, and the father passed away on the 19th of the following March. In their family were eight children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being: Henry, of this review; Heinrich, of Shiner, Texas; George and Diedrich, both of whom died in Germany; and Elizabeth, who died at the age of fifty-nine years.

Henry Hollmann acquired his early education in the public schools of his native land and in 1865, being then sixteen years of age, he came to America, first making his way to Monroe county, Michigan. Later he was a sailor on the Great Lakes for five years, in the course of which time he acquired considerable experience that has been of practical value to him in later years. Finally, having decided to settle down, he arrived in Iowa in 1870 and spent four years working on a farm, becoming intimately acquainted with the details of agriculture and stock-raising. On the 18th of May, 1874, he came to Crawford county and bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 14, Morgan township. The land when he acquired it was raw prairie, but he has greatly improved his place by the erection of substantial buildings and the excellent ap-

pearance of the farm is convincing evidence of the interest he takes in his work and the financial success he has achieved.

In 1884 Mr. Hollmann was united in marriage to Miss Annie Schafer, who was born in Germany, July 14, 1861, and came to America the year of her marriage. She is one of a family of five children, three of whom are still living in Germany. A brother, Diedrich, came to America and died in California. Five children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hollmann: George D., who was born April 12, 1888, and received his education in the public schools and the Denison Normal School; Katie, born December 29, 1890, who was educated in the common schools; John M., who was born June 16, 1894, and also educated in the common schools; and Harry and Adolph, both of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Hollmann and his wife are sincere members of the German Lutheran church and have reared their children in the same belief in which they themselves were reared. As a public-spirited man he is interested in the affairs of the community and is a willing assistant in every movement that aims to promote the general welfare. He is well known in Morgan and adjoining townships and can claim an extensive circle of friends whom he has attracted by his sterling character.

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#### C. H. WIESE.

One of the many sons of Germany who have come to America with very limited capital but an inexhaustible supply of energy and determination and by means of well directed effort has won where a man with less strength of purpose would have been defeated, is C. H. Wiese. He is a native of Schleswig-Holstein and the youngest son of John Henry and Margaret Katrina (Ghoul) Wiese, his birth occurring on the 22d of March, 1862. His parents, who were also from the province of Schleswig-Holstein, emigrated to the United States and located at West Side, Iowa, where the father passed away in 1904. The mother was also a resident of Crawford county at the time of her death, which occurred in 1885. Only three of the five children born to them survive, those besides our subject being: Ida, who is married and living in the fatherland; and John, a resident of Omaha, Nebraska.

C. H. Wiese acquired the greater portion of his education in Germany, only attending school one winter after his arrival in the United States. As soon as he was old enough to begin work he obtained employment as a section hand, following that occupation at Aspinwall four years. At the end of that period he worked in a lumberyard for five years and then began farming in Iowa township. After living there three years he removed to a farm in Hayes township, which he cultivated four years, and then returned to West Side, where he spent two years. In the meantime he had become very enthusiastic about Nebraska, and migrating to that state, he bought a half section of land in Dixon county, upon which he resided for three years. Returning to Crawford county at the expiration of that period, he located on sections 21 and 22, Washington town-



ship, where he now owns two hundred and forty acres of excellent farming land. He has made many improvements upon his homestead during the period of his residence here, so that it is now one of the most valuable farms in the township. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and is meeting with marked success in both ventures.

On the 22d of March, 1885, Mr. Wiese was united in marriage to Miss Katrina Schmahl, who was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, February 14, 1865, a daughter of Kai and Katrina (Mueller) Schmahl. Her father is now deceased, but her mother is still living in Germany. Mrs. Wiese has one sister in America, Sophia, the wife of Otto Passick, residing in Carroll county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Wiese have become the parents of eight children, who are as follows: Minnie, the wife of Detlef Peterson, Washington township; and Emil, Bridget, Emma, Ida, Florence, Etta and Elsie, all of whom are at home.

The family affiliate with the Lutheran church. The democratic party is always given the political support of Mr. Wiese, and although he does not actively participate in local governmental affairs he meets the requirements of good citizenship by casting his ballot on election day. He is in every sense of the word a self-made man, as the success he has achieved in life is due solely and directly to his own effort, and as such he justly deserves the respect accorded him in the community where he resides.

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#### W. F. BOECK.

A highly improved and cultivated farm of one hundred and sixty acres is a credit to the well directed energies of W. F. Boeck, who was born in Davenport, Iowa, on the 10th of September, 1867. He is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Peterson) Boeck, both natives of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, from which country they emigrated to the United States, locating in Davenport in 1858. The father, who was a carpenter, followed his trade until the breaking out of the Civil war and, enlisting in the Second Iowa Cavalry, he went to the front serving for four and a half years. During that time he saw much active service, participating in some of the most notable battles of the war. Returning to Iowa after receiving his discharge, he invested the money he had earned at his trade in land in Crawford county. Ultimately he acquired eleven hundred and seventeen acres, all of which he brought to a high state of cultivation and still retains in his possession. Mr. Boeck retired several years ago and is now living in Davenport, spending his winters in Florida. He was married twice, and his first wife, who passed away in 1873, was the mother of our subject and two daughters: Elizabeth, the wife of Fred Brandenburg, of East Boyer township, and Laura, the widow of Otto Teegan, of Davenport, Iowa. For his second wife Mr. Boeck chose Miss Catherina Kahler, and they are the parents of five children, four sons and one daughter: Herman, who is a resident of East Boyer township; George, of Nishnabotny township; Ferdinand, of Davenport, Iowa; August, also of Davenport; and Louisa, the wife of August Schnoor, of Nishnabotny township.

W. F. Boeck was reared at home, acquiring his education in the common schools of Davenport, which he continued to attend until he had attained his sixteenth year. In 1884 he came to his father's farm to assist in breaking the prairie and has been here ever since. He has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He owns a section of land in Logan county, Kansas. His place is thoroughly modern in all of its appointments, and he is the only farmer in this section of the state who has an electric lighting plant, his residence and all outbuildings being wired. Although Mr. Boeck has engaged in general farming and stock-raising for over twenty years, he has made a business of threshing during the season, which has proven to be most lucrative.

In 1893 Mr. Boeck was united in marriage to Miss Anna Gosch, who is also of German parentage, and they have become the parents of the following children: Viola Augusta, Henry Theodore, Harry William, Howard Herman, Veronica Bertha and Hugo Fred, all of whom are at home.

The family attend the Lutheran church, of which the parents are members, while fraternally Mr. Boeck is affiliated with the Masonic order, being identified with Manilla Lodge, of which he is a senior steward, and Mrs. Boeck is a member of the Eastern Star. Politically he is identified with the republican party. He always takes an active and helpful interest in all local affairs and is now serving as assessor in Nishnabotny township, and he also served for several years on the school board. He is one of the enterprising citizens of the community, whose efforts have been rewarded with good financial returns because of his carefully considered and capably executed plans.

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### JOHN L. AINSWORTH.

Among the honored citizens of Denison is John L. Ainsworth, who as a school teacher has attained an enviable record in Crawford county, having devoted his best talents and energies to that vocation for thirty years past. He was born in Lomira, Dodge county, Wisconsin, August 5, 1861, a son of Michael and Mary (Rice) Ainsworth, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Alsace-Lorraine, France. The father was a farmer by occupation. Coming to Crawford county, Iowa, in the fall of 1868, he located five miles north of Denison in Goodrich township, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and forty acres, upon which he lived for thirty-three years. He passed away in 1901, having then reached the age of eighty-four years. His beloved wife died at the age of seventy-seven years in 1905. They were both stanch believers in the authority and inspiration of the Bible and active members of the Methodist church, performing their part nobly in the upbuilding of the county. Joseph Ainsworth, the paternal grandfather of our subject, who was also a native of New York state, was a farmer by occupation and served in the American army in the war of 1812. He died in Wisconsin, being then well advanced in years. The maternal grandfather, Joseph Rice, was a native of Alsace, France. Seeking more favorable conditions than he found in his own country, he came to America and lived for many years in Dodge county, Wisconsin. He spent the

last part of his life in Crawford county, Iowa. Seven children in the family of Michael and Mary Ainsworth grew to maturity, namely: Joseph O. and Edwin M., both of whom are now deceased; Charlotte H., now Mrs. E. O. Thien, of Denison; Ancil D., of Ute, Iowa; George E., of Canton, Illinois; John L., the subject of this review; and Adelle, now the wife of J. C. Phillips, of Virgil, South Dakota.

John L. Ainsworth came to Crawford county with his parents when seven years of age and has ever since been a resident of this county. He was reared under the favoring influences of a country home and as a member of a family in which each was expected to perform his duty, either in the house or in the fields. He early gained practical lessons of application and self-denial that have been of inestimable value to him in later life. In the district schools he gained his preparatory education, later becoming a student of the Denison Normal & Business College. After preparing himself for such a responsibility, he began teaching in Crawford county in 1881, continuing without interruption to the present time, and becoming recognized years ago as one of the thoroughly qualified educators of this section.

On the 2d of April, 1890, Mr. Ainsworth was united in marriage to Miss Edith Shirtcliff, a daughter of Henry and Frances (Colley) Shirtcliff, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Ainsworth is a member of the Episcopal church, but her husband is not identified with any religious denomination. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, and politically he supports the candidates and principles of the republican party as those best adapted in his opinion for the preservation of the liberties of the republic. As a professional teacher he is a constant student of the world's progress and being a man of unusual intelligence and of wide observation his opinions command respect wherever he is known. He is conscientious in the discharge of his duties and hundreds of young men and women who have been under his care as pupils regard him as a friend and counselor whose greatest desire is to promote the welfare and happiness of others.

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#### FRANK F. LARSON.

Many of the most prosperous and public-spirited citizens of Iowa are natives of Sweden or descendants of Swedish ancestry. The traits of frugality, industry and self-reliance so prominent in the people of the mother country have been exemplified by their representatives in the new world, and it is seldom we meet with a Swede in America who is not self-supporting or financially independent. Frank F. Larson, who owns a valuable farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Crawford county, is a striking example of success in agricultural pursuits accomplished by one who was born in Sweden and sought a home in this republic. His eyes first opened to the light of day November 22, 1862. He is a son of John and Mary (Anderson) Larson, a record of whom appears in the sketch of Andrew Larson, which may be found elsewhere in this work.

Frank F. Larson came to this country with his parents and remained at home until arriving at maturity. He worked in the coal mines of Pennsylvania and subsequently engaged in farming in Crawford county, Iowa, prosecuting his work with such ability that he now owns one of the most beautiful farms in Otter Creek township. He has made many improvements thereon, erecting buildings and fences, and putting in drainage, etc., and as he is very energetic and enterprising he meets with a goodly measure of prosperity. He specializes in the raising and feeding of stock, which he handles to excellent advantage, being thoroughly acquainted with this line of business.

In March, 1896, Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Meyers, who was born in Sweden, March 7, 1873, and came to America when she was seventeen years of age. She is a daughter of Charles and Martha (Falk) Meyers, both of whom were born in Sweden. The mother died in 1887, but the father is still living in the old country. There were six children in their family. Four children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Larson, namely: Rudolph, Edith, Erma and Ray C.

Mr. Larson and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and are rearing their children in the same faith. Politically, he gives his support to the republican party, believing that in so doing he is advancing the permanent interests of the nation. In business affairs he is prompt and reliable, and in all the relations of life he aims to perform his duty to the best of his ability and has thus gained a reputation as one of the substantial men of this section.

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#### WILLIAM GOTTSCH.

Citizens of foreign birth have performed an important part in the development of Crawford county and in the list of those who are now prominent in agricultural circles stands the name of William Gottsch, a native of Germany. His eyes first opened to the light of day in the province of Holstein, August 16, 1868, his parents being Peter and Elsie Gottsch, who were also natives of that province. The family came to America in 1881 and located in Carroll county, Iowa, where the parents are still living. Five children were born to them, three of whom survive.

William Gottsch came to the new world with his parents when he was thirteen years of age and received his education in Germany and in the district schools of Iowa. He continued at home until he reached manhood and then took up his residence on the farm where he now lives on section 15, West Side township. This place comprises three hundred and twenty acres, on which he has erected substantial buildings and made other improvements, developing the farm into one of the most desirable properties of the township. He also has charge of three hundred and twenty acres which belongs to his father and engages quite extensively in raising and feeding stock for the market. He is a thorough business man and is regarded as one of the substantial and progressive farmers of the county.

In 1896 Mr. Gottsch was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kruse, who was born in Hayes township, Crawford county, December 29, 1873, a daughter of Otto and Metha Kruse. Her parents were born in Germany and came to America in 1856, locating in Crawford county, Iowa, where they still live. There were six children in their family, four of whom survive. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Gottsch has been blessed by four children, namely: Alfred P., who was born August 8, 1897; Hilda Anna, born December 26, 1899; Rudolph C., born August 30, 1904; and Gilmer Otto, born December 30, 1905.

Mr. Gottsch has attained his present honorable position in the community through a practical knowledge of his business and an innate ambition which has ever urged him to the accomplishment of worthy objects. He is known as one of the reliable and energetic men of his township who never falters in the discharge of any obligation and is generally capable of carrying to a successful conclusion whatever he undertakes. Politically he gives his support to the republican party and fraternally he is a valued member of the Knights of Pythias. He and his estimable wife hold membership in the Lutheran church and are active workers in its behalf.

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#### FREDERICK BERNARD WILLIAM GREIF.

Frederick Bernard William Greif, who is engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Washington township, is a native of Germany, having been born in Langwarden, Oldenburg, on the 6th of November, 1857. His parents, Dietrick and Sophia Vocke, spent their entire lives in the fatherland, where the father was a farmer. In the family were seven children, but only four survive: William, now a farmer in Floresville, Texas; Frederick B. W., our subject; Mary, the wife of William Bruns, of Shiner, Texas; and Minnie, the wife of Bernard Meentzen, of Germany.

Mr. Greif of this review had his last name changed from Vocke to Greif after coming to this country by the court at Denison. He acquired his education in his native country, after which he engaged in farming there until 1887, when he decided to become a citizen of the United States. Upon his arrival in America he first located at Defiance, Shelby county, this state, where he worked as a farm hand for two years, after which he farmed as a renter and later came to Crawford county. He bought eighty acres of land in Denison township, upon which he resided for five years, and then sold and moved to one hundred and sixty acres on section 31 of the same township. After selling the latter place he bought eighty acres in Washington township, which he cultivated for two years. On disposing of it, he bought one hundred and twenty acres on sections 10 and 11, Washington township, where he is now engaged in general farming and stock-raising.

In 1882, five years before emigrating to the United States, Mr. Greif was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Janssen, also a native of Oldenburg, and they have become the parents of one child, Deitrich, who has never married and lives on a farm one mile north of the homestead. They also have adopted a child, Hattie May Steward, who is now attending school.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Greif are of the Lutheran faith, while politically he affiliates with the republican party. Although he has never aspired to public honors or the emoluments of office, Mr. Greif served two years as road supervisor. He is a thrifty, hard-working man, and by means of his energy and close application has met with a fair degree of success during his residence in this country.

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### KARL AUGUST SCHREIBER.

Charter Oak township is largely made up of citizens either of German birth or ancestry, and to the former class belongs Karl August Schreiber, for his birth occurred in the fatherland on the 17th of June, 1860. His parents, Ferdinand and Louisa (Strohfeld) Schreiber, were likewise natives of Germany and there they lived until 1888, which year witnessed their arrival in the new world. Upon reaching American shores the father made his way with his family to Chicago, residing in that metropolis for eight years. He then removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he spent two years and it was while living in that city that the death of the wife and mother occurred in June, 1896. Subsequently the father came to Crawford county, Iowa, and made his home with his children throughout his remaining years, his death here occurring in October, 1903, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Schreiber were born nine children, as follows: Augusta W., the wife of Herman Semlor, a resident of Chicago; Karl A., whose name introduces this review; Herman, deceased; Gustav, a resident of Crawford county; Fred W., Amelia A., William and Ferdinand, all of whom have departed this life; and one who died in infancy.

Karl August Schreiber spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native country and upon attaining his majority he emigrated to the new world, believing that in the United States he might enjoy better advantages in the business world. He at first located in Maryland but only spent a brief period in that state, going thence to Chicago, where for fifteen years he worked at the carpenter's trade. He then continued his westward journey and also changed his occupation, for upon his arrival in Crawford county, Iowa, he engaged in farming, having previously purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land here. For six years he developed and cultivated his place and then sold the same. He invested his money in his present property, comprising two hundred and forty acres, located near Charter Oak in Charter Oak township. In 1909 bought two hundred and forty acres in Paradise township and now owns four hundred and eighty acres. He has made many improvements on his farm, has placed the fields under a high state of cultivation and his place is now one of the finely improved properties of his section of the county. He is engaged in raising various cereals which are adapted to Iowa soil and each year gathers abundant harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon the fields.

Mr. Schreiber has been married twice. He was first married October 31, 1887, to Miss Augusta Dumke, who was born in Germany and was brought by her

parents to America when only a year old. To this union were born two daughters and one son, namely: Martha, who was born March 29, 1889, and now resides in Chicago; Clara, who was born March 2, 1894, and is now at home; and Carl, who was born July 9, 1900, and is also at home. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in April, 1901, and on the 11th of July, 1905, Mr. Schreiber wedded Mrs. Emma Goerner, the widow of Frank Goerner, who passed away in 1902. Mrs. Schreiber was born in November, 1869, and is a daughter of Frederick and Wilhelmina Lipsky, both of whom died in Germany. She is the eldest in a family of eight children, of whom four still survive, these being: Adolph, who resides in Germany; Fred, of Crawford county; Max, also of Crawford county; and Mrs. Schreiber. The four who are deceased passed away in their native land. By his second marriage Mr. Schreiber has two sons and one daughter: Herman, whose birth occurred on the 11th of May, 1906; Adolph, born March 17, 1908; and Marie M., born June 7, 1910. By her former marriage Mrs. Schreiber has five children, as follows: Fritz, who was born in Chicago, November 13, 1894; Gertrude, born April 28, 1896; Alma, born April 8, 1898; Ida, born November 20, 1899; and Martha, who was born October 3, 1902.

The parents are members of the German Lutheran church and in this faith are rearing their children. It is astonishing to witness the success of young men who have emigrated to America without capital and from a position of comparative obscurity have worked their way upward in the business world. The readiness with which they adapt themselves to circumstances and take advantage of opportunities offered brings to them success and wins them a place among the leading men of the community in which they reside. To this class belongs Karl A. Schreiber, who is today one of the successful and well known farmers of Charter Oak township and Crawford county.

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#### R. BENSON SMITH.

That success in this life is not dependent upon either influence or inherited wealth is fully demonstrated by the career of R. Benson Smith, who by his own unaided efforts has acquired sufficient property to yield him an adequate competence for the remainder of his life, although he has not yet reached the turning point ordinarily termed "middle age." Born in the western part of Canada, May 16, 1873, he is a son of Thomas and Jane (Graham) Smith, both of whom were natives of Canada but of Irish parentage. They came across the border line in 1875 and located in Denison township, Crawford county, Iowa, where they resided for fourteen years and then removed to Paradise township, the father having always followed the vocation of farming. Unto them six children were born, of whom four are living, as follows: Sarah, who married Howard Cole and lives in Denison; R. Benson; Deborah, who became the wife of H. W. Logsdon; John W., who holds a government position in Oakland, California. Anna E. married W. E. Cole and died in Denison in 1907; and Melissa married Theodore McCramer and is also deceased. They

were the two oldest. The father died in the spring of 1894 and was interred in the Denison cemetery. The mother's demise occurred in 1910.

R. Benson Smith was but two years old when he was brought to Crawford county by his parents and his initial education was obtained in the public schools, one year being spent in the Dow City school. Thrown upon his own resources at an early age he decided to take up farming as his life work, his first venture being on a rented farm in Paradise township. Eventually he purchased eighty acres of land in Union township and by unabating thrift and industry he has been enabled to increase his holdings gradually until at the present time he owns two hundred and eighty acres of highly improved farm land, which he devotes to general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of stock-feeding.

Mr. Smith has been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Lily E. Morris, a native of Crawford county, by whom he had one child, Ethel, who is now living on the home farm. Mrs. Smith passed away in 1900. In 1907 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Sherman, who was born in Carroll county, and they are the parents of three children, one of whom survive, Robert and Mabel, twins, who are deceased; and Hope, who was born December 26, 1910.

The political allegiance of Mr. Smith is given to the republican party, but he has never sought nor desired public office. He takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to local affairs and is one of the directors of the school board. In religion he holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and is one of its ardent and earnest workers. His present prosperity is due entirely to his own labor and perseverance and he therefore deserves commendation as a self-made and successful business man who holds the respect and kindly consideration of everyone in his section of the county.

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#### H. H. DERNER.

One of the most attractive farms of Iowa township is the homestead of H. H. Derner, who owns two hundred and forty acres of land on section 36, in the cultivation of which he has been engaged since 1898. Mr. Derner is a native of Schleswig-Holstein, his birth having occurred on the 18th of October, 1866. He knows little of his parentage, as he left home when a very small lad, emigrating to the United States when a youth of about fifteen years.

In his early manhood Mr. Derner migrated to Iowa, first locating in Carroll county, farming as a renter near Manning until about 1898, at which time he removed to Crawford county. Upon his arrival here he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land on section 36, Iowa township, upon which he has ever since continued to reside. He has wrought marvelous improvements in the property during his residence, having erected a large, commodious residence of ten rooms and substantial barns and outbuildings. The buildings upon the place are all painted white, the grounds well cared for and the entire farm has an appearance of neatness and thrift which makes it most attractive. Although he en-



gages in general farming and stock-raising Mr. Derner makes a specialty of feeding stock. He possesses the qualities essential to success in any vocation, —energy, perseverance and system—and the result is that his various ventures have all rewarded him with lucrative returns. His buildings are kept in repair, his stock well housed and his fields given the careful supervision which results in abundant harvests, which command good prices in the market.

Mr. Derner established a home for himself in 1887, at which time he was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Stein. Nine children have been born of this union: Lillie, who is the wife of George Boock, of South Dakota; Laura, who is a resident of Clinton, Iowa; and Herman, Louisa, John, Selma, Malinda, Nettie and Hazel, all of whom are at home.

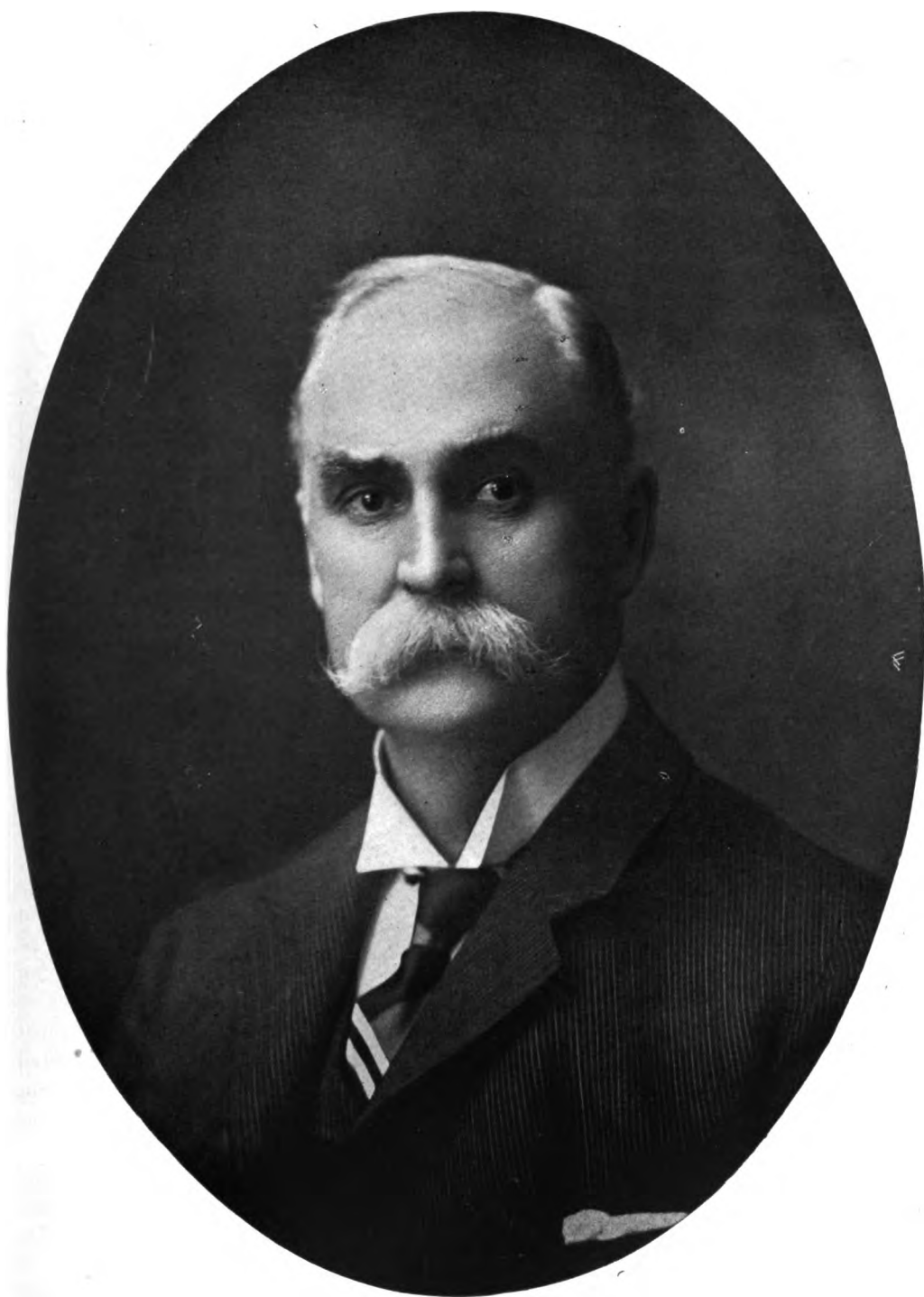
The religious faith of the family is manifested through their affiliation with the Lutheran denomination, while fraternally Mr. Derner is identified with the Modern Woodmen of Amerca, his membership being in the Manilla Camp, and he also holds life insurance in two of the old line companies. Politically his views coincide with those of the democratic party, for whose candidates he always casts his ballot. He takes an active and helpful interest in civic affairs and is now serving as school treasurer of the township, while for the past three years he has been township trustee. In addition to his extensive realty holdings Mr. Derner is a stockholder of the Mutual Insurance Company of Crawford and Carroll counties, of which organization he has been treasurer for eight years. He is one of Crawford county's self-made men, having been thrown upon his own resources when a very small lad and by means of his own well directed and capably executed plans has achieved the success which has rewarded his efforts.

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### JUDGE JAMES PERRY CONNER.

Carlisle has said that "biography is the most interesting as well as the most profitable reading," and there is in the life record of one to whom success has come as the reward of earnest and honorable effort something that arouses the ambition and stimulates the labors of others. There is much in the history of Judge James Perry Conner that can be set down with profit, for throughout his life he has held to high standards of manhood and citizenship and in public service has maintained a stainless record, exciting little of the envy and unfair criticism which are so often heaped upon an official by those who hold differing political opinions. Men of all parties speak of him in terms of confidence and high respect.

He was born in Morristown (now Parker), Randolph county, Indiana, January 27, 1851, his parents being Dr. William L. and Maria A. (Stiffler) Conner, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Pennsylvania. Dr. Conner, after his graduation from a medical college, located for practice in Morristown, Indiana, where he remained an active and valued member of the profession until his death, which occurred in 1854, when he was but thirty-three years of age. His wife survived him and married again, her second hus-



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band being Carey Bradfield. In 1856 they removed to Iowa, settling in Spring Creek township, Black Hawk county, where Mrs. Bradfield passed away at the age of fifty-seven years. Her husband reached the age of sixty-five. They were the parents of three children, of whom but one is now living—Ellsworth Bradfield, of Minnesota. The Conner family to which the father belonged was noted for its many sons, all stalwart men, over six feet in height. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Conner there were born four children: Martha, the wife of W. R. Bradfield, of La Porte City, Black Hawk county, Iowa; Calvin, who died at the age of twenty-six years, after having been admitted to the bar; James P.; and one who died in infancy.

James Perry Conner was reared upon the old home farm and acquired his early education in the district schools. At the age of sixteen he went away to school, attending the Upper Iowa University. He had come to this state in 1856, with his mother, and has, therefore, been almost a lifelong resident of Iowa. After attending the Upper Iowa University he returned home and engaged in teaching in the school in which his early education had been acquired. Later he turned his attention to the study of law, which he pursued in the State University at Iowa City, and following his graduation in June, 1873, he was admitted to the bar and on the 15th of November, 1873, settled at Denison for the practice of his profession. He was not long in demonstrating his power as an advocate before the courts and also gave proof of his ability and judgment as a counselor. In 1880 he was elected district attorney of the thirteenth judicial district, which position he acceptably filled for four years. In 1884 he was elected judge of the circuit court of the thirteenth judicial district of Iowa and in 1886 was elected district judge of the sixteenth judicial district, having the support of both the republican and democratic parties, a fact indicative of the impartial service which he had rendered when previously upon the bench. He has long been recognized as a leading member of the republican party in Crawford county and in 1892 was a delegate to the republican national convention at Minneapolis. On the 26th of September, 1900, he was nominated by the republican convention of the tenth Iowa district as its candidate for the fifty-sixth congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. John J. P. Dolliver, recently deceased. Judge Conner was elected to the office and by reelection served also in the fifty-seventh, fifty-eighth, fifty-ninth and sixtieth congresses. At his last election he received twenty-six thousand and seventeen votes against fifteen thousand, three hundred and seventeen cast for J. B. Butler, the democratic candidate; six hundred and twenty-nine for N. S. Sheffield, the socialist candidate; and seven hundred and sixty-one for William Beckett, the prohibition candidate. His work in congress has shown that he has a statesman's grasp of affairs, that he has given careful consideration to questions coming up for settlement and that he stands firmly in support of what he believes to be right. The integrity of his position is never questioned, and even those opposed to him politically entertain for him high respect because of his loyalty to his honest convictions.

On the 12th of October, 1875, Judge Conner was married to Miss Allie M. Cowdrey. They have a son, Raymond, who is manager of the Review Publishing Company, in which Judge Conner is a heavy stockholder. He belongs to

the Methodist church and gives his aid and cooperation to all the agencies and movements which tend to uplift humanity, to broaden the vision of life and to promote material, intellectual, political, social and moral progress. While he has held to high ideals, he has labored with practical purpose. Few men of Crawford county have remained longer in public service, and the record of none has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct or stainless in reputation.

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### PARKER W. HARDING.

Parker W. Harding, who is now regarded as one of the most successful attorneys of Denison, has practiced law in Crawford county for more than twenty years, having previously followed his profession for over fourteen years in Charter Oak before his removal to the former city six years ago. His advancement has been due to his energy, comprehensive knowledge of the principles of law and gentlemanly address, which has attracted a host of friends wherever he is known. He was born at Lockeport, Nova Scotia, October 27, 1863, and is the only son of Captain Simeon and Margaret (McQuhae) Harding, who were also natives of Nova Scotia.

In 1906 Mr. Harding brought his parents and two sisters to the United States and they located at Council Bluffs, Iowa, where the father died two years later. Captain Harding was for more than forty years a master mariner, sailing out of the port of Lockeport, Nova Scotia. His remains were interred in Walnut Hill cemetery. The mother of our subject is still living in Council Bluffs with her two daughters. She is a Baptist in religious belief, as was also her husband, both of them being descendants of pioneer Baptist ministers, the Revs. Harris and Theodore Harding, whose names are enrolled on the tablets of the Acadia Baptist College.

Richard Harding, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in England and was also a sea captain, living to the advanced age of ninety years. He was the father of six children. The sons, Simeon, Robert and William, were all sea captains. Robert died at Lockeport, Nova Scotia, while William has retired from the sea and for many years has been an adjuster for the marine service in New York city. Anna R., the eldest daughter, is now living in Denison, Iowa; Elizabeth is the wife of B. R. Morrow of Denison; and Mary wedded Robert Firth of Lockeport, Nova Scotia, and is now deceased. Robert McQuhae, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Scotland and by occupation was a farmer. He came to America and spent his last days in Jordan Falls, Nova Scotia, where he died at the age of ninety years. The maiden name of his wife was Margaret McDonald. She, too, was of Scotch birth and her death occurred in her eighty-eighth year.

There were five children in the family of Simeon and Margaret (McQuhae) Harding, namely: Parker W., of this review; Rosa W., who was educated in the United States and died at the home of her parents in Nova Scotia after reaching womanhood; Emma J., the wife of Richard Gwillam, a manufacturer

of Gloversville, New York; Allie F., the wife of Dr. J. E. Clausson, of Beatrice, Nebraska; and Lizzie P., who is living with her mother at Council Bluffs.

Parker W. Harding was reared at Jordan Falls, Nova Scotia, and received his early education at Shelbourne Academy. Later he entered Acadia College, Wolfville, two miles from Grand Prae, near the mouth of the Gaspereaux river, and within six miles of Cape Blomidon and the Basin of Minas, both of which are prominently noted in Longfellow's immortal poem, *Evangeline*. He early indicated a taste for a professional career and studied law in his native country, coming to the United States in 1888 when twenty-five years of age. In 1890 he was admitted to the bar at Des Moines, Iowa, and immediately afterward began practice at Charter Oak, showing an ability which gave bright promise as to his future. In 1904 he came to Denison, where he has since followed his profession, being now the senior member of the well known firm of Harding & Kahler. He is a clear and logical speaker and as he makes thorough preparation for every case in which he is interested and centers his argument upon the main point at issue he never fails to hold the attention of the jury and often carries the day in the face of the most determined opposition. It is greatly to his credit that his clientage is found among the leading merchants, farmers and capitalists of the county.

In 1890, upon his admission to the bar, Mr. Harding was united in marriage to Miss Margaret M. Kevan, a resident of Dow City, Iowa. She is a native of Illinois and a daughter of Charles and Jean (Taylor) Kevan. Her parents were born in Scotland and for a number of years made their home at Charter Oak, Iowa, but both are now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding are valued members of the Methodist church, in which he is an earnest worker and is a member of its board of trustees. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias. Politically he gives his support to the republican party. He and his wife occupy a beautiful residence in Denison and their home is the center of hospitality where friends and acquaintances are sure of receiving a cordial greeting. He is one of the honored citizens of Crawford county who has justly earned the success he has attained and who commands the confidence of his fellowmen by an irreproachable character and an abiding interest in the permanent welfare of his adopted city.

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#### CARL GRONAU.

Carl Gronau, a successful real-estate dealer of Denison, has resided here for the past three decades and is widely recognized as one of the most valued and prosperous residents of Crawford county, owning between seven and eight thousand acres of land. His birth occurred in Mecklenburg, Strelitz, Germany, on the 12th of January, 1844, his parents being Carl and Carolina (Kloeckner) Gronau, who were likewise natives of that country. His paternal grandfather, Carl Gronau, was a wagonmaker by trade and served in the French and German war of 1806 as a soldier of the German army, participating in the battle

of Austerlitz. He died when about seventy-six years of age, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Carolina Wagner, passed away in early womanhood. Their children were Carl, Wilhelm and Augusta. William Kloeckner, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a miller. He married Miss Sommer, who died in early womanhood.

Carl Gronau, the father of the gentleman whose name introduces this review, was a wagonmaker by trade. He came to America when seventy years of age and visited with his son Carl for one year. At the end of that time he returned to Germany and there passed away at the age of eighty-four years. At one time he served as an alderman in his city. Both he and his wife were Lutherans in religious faith, the latter living to attain the age of fifty-six years. They had eight sons, four of whom still survive, as follows: Carl, of this review; Frederick, living near Kiron, Crawford county; Rudolph, who is a resident of Strelitz, Germany; and Emil, a blacksmith of Spokane, Washington.

Carl Gronau was reared in his native land and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. After putting aside his text-books he was employed in his father's wagon shop and also did farm work. In accordance with the laws of the country, he likewise served in the regular army as a private for three years. In 1869, when a young man of twenty-five years, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, first spending one year in Jackson county, Iowa. Removing to Chicago, Illinois, he there remained for two years, on the expiration of which period he returned to Jackson county and there made his home until 1881. In that year he came to Denison and this town has remained his place of residence during the intervening three decades. He conducted a wagon and blacksmith shop for six years and then embarked in the real-estate business, which still claims his attention. At one time he owned twelve farms but has disposed of these and now has lands in North and South Dakota, and in Alberta, Canada. His property holdings embrace between seven and eight thousand acres of land. His business undertakings have been attended with a gratifying measure of success. During the first year of his residence in this country he erected a home and in 1900 built his present commodious and beautiful dwelling, standing on the site of the old Denison home—the first erected in the city of Denison. He has built a number of the substantial residences here and has also improved a number of farms, having spent over ten thousand dollars for improvements on his Dakota farms during the past year. He has long been regarded as a valued and leading citizen of Denison and Crawford county, having spent vast sums of money in developing property.

On the 24th of June, 1870, Mr. Gronau was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Heiden, a native of Germany, who in 1869 came to America with her parents, Fritz and Carolina (Pankow) Heiden, the family home being established in Jackson county, Iowa. There her father and mother spent the remainder of their lives, the former attaining the age of about eighty-one, while the latter was seventy-four years old when called to her final rest. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters, namely: Wilhelmina, Frederick, Mary and John. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gronau were born four children, as follows: Lena and William, who died of diphtheria in early life; Amanda, the wife of J. B. Sibbert, of Denison, by whom she has one son, Carl; and Louisa, living in Los Angeles,

California, who is the wife of John D. Sievers and the mother of two sons, Paul and William Edward.

Mr. Gronau gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as a member of the city council for three years. He is enterprising and public-spirited to a marked degree and has always taken an active interest in those movements and measures instituted to promote the general welfare of Denison. In fact no history of the county would be complete without the record of his life and work. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., while both he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star. Coming to America in early manhood, he wisely utilized the opportunities offered in a land unhampered by caste or class and worked his way steadily upward to a position of prominence and affluence.

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### HARRY LAMP.

Harry Lamp, who is a native son of Crawford county, his birth occurring on the 13th of January, 1884, is the second oldest child of Ferdinand and Dora (Simon) Lamp, natives of Germany, the father coming to America when a youth of sixteen years and the mother with her parents when a child of two. They were married in Crawford county and have ever since continued to reside here. They began their domestic life on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, which the father owned and where he engaged in general farming and stock-raising for twenty-five years. In 1908, however, they sold that property and bought elsewhere, and at the present time they own five hundred and sixty acres of land, all of which is well improved and under a high state of cultivation. Two hundred and forty acres are in Crawford county and the other three hundred and twenty in Minnesota, but the latter place and one of the farms in this county are rented as Mr. Lamp is only cultivating the homestead. His success in agricultural pursuits he owes to his close application and tireless energy, but in the acquiring of his realty interests he has been most ably assisted by the careful supervision and capable management which Mrs. Lamp gives to her household affairs. Ten children have been born to them, those beside Harry being: Paulina, who married Ed Georguis, a farmer of Crawford county; Anna, the wife of Louis Goettsch, who is the cashier of the Union Savings Bank, of Davenport; Bertha, who married Elvin Wick, a baker, of Harlan, Iowa; and Elsie, William, Minnie, Edwin, Julia and Otto, all of whom are still at home. The parents are yet in their prime, the father now being fifty-two years of age, while the mother has only passed her forty-fifth year.

Harry Lamp acquired his preliminary education in the district schools of Crawford county and then pursued a course in a commercial college, remaining a member of his father's household until he had reached his twentieth year, at which time he left home to accept a position with the Neola Elevator Company of Aspinwall, Iowa. He was identified with that concern for one year and then entered the employ of the Pride Poultry Company for a similar period. At the



end of that time he became a yard man and after serving in this capacity for a year he was promoted to the position of general manager, which he still retains.

Mr. Lamp was united in marriage on the 19th of December, 1906, to Miss Amanda Wiese, who was born and reared in this county, being a daughter of Carl and Dora (Schutt) Wiese. Her parents were natives of Germany but were married in America and some time afterward they located on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Crawford county, which they continued to cultivate until the time of their retirement. They are now living in West Side, Iowa, where they own a very pleasant and comfortable residence, the income from their excellent farm, together with other resources, affording them all of the comforts and many of the luxuries which they were denied during their hard-working youth. They are the parents of eight children, Mrs. Lamp being the second child and eldest daughter. The others are: Charley, living in Clarinda, Iowa; Fred, who resides in West Side; Maggie, the wife of Herman Martin, of West Side; Albert, who lives in Denison; Frank, also of West Side; and two who are dead. Mr. and Mrs. Lamp have had three children: Wayne, who died at the age of one year; Josephine, who was born on the 8th of October, 1909; and Lloyd, whose birth occurred on the 24th of December, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamp affiliate with the German Lutheran denomination, in the faith of which they were reared. Politically he gives his support to the candidates and measures of the democratic party, and although he does not aspire to public honors or the emoluments of office, he fulfills the requirements of good citizenship by voting at all elections.

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#### J. F. WILLIAM JAHN.

Among the young men of Hayes township who have started under highly favorable conditions as farmers, may be named J. F. William Jahn. He possessed excellent advantages of training and is now cultivating a place of two hundred and twenty acres which yields generous returns for the time and labor bestowed upon it. He is a native of Hayes township, born on section 31, July 9, 1882, a son of Paul William and Catherine (Lemster) Jahn, both of whom were born in Germany. The father came to America in boyhood with his parents and settled in Hayes township, Crawford county, Iowa. He was very successful as an agriculturist and stock-raiser and improved three farms. He and his wife are still living and make their home on section 31. There were nine children in their family: Lena, who married Henry E. Kuhl, of Iowa township; J. F. William; Minnie, the wife of Gus Meggers, of Iowa township; Herman and Henry, both residents of Hayes township; Amanda, the wife of Gus Peppers, of Hayes township; Louis, who makes his home with his brother Herman; and Adelia and Hugo, who are living at home.

Mr. Jahn of this review attended the country schools of Hayes township, where he gained the rudiments of an education which he has greatly broadened by reading and observation. He continued with his parents until twenty-four years of age and then moved to the place which he now owns. He carries on

general farming and also gives special attention to the feeding of Hereford cattle for the market. He has from his youth been earnest and energetic in his work and has gained deserved prosperity.

On the 13th of March, 1907, Mr. Jahn was married in Iowa township to Miss Martha Peper, who was born in Iowa township, a daughter of George and Sophia (Meggohtsen) Peper, the former of whom is deceased. Two children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jahn, Hugo Paul George and Willette Catherina Fredericka.

Mr. Jahn and his wife are both members of the Lutheran church and accept its teachings as their rule of life. They take a great interest in the progress of this section of the state, both having been born in Crawford county, and they are willing assistants in all movements seeking to promote the general welfare. Mr. Jahn is not identified with any political organization. The success he has gained is the result of his well directed efforts and gives promise of still larger rewards in the years to come.

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#### JULIUS H. A. CHRISTIANSEN.

A native of Crawford county, Julius H. A. Christiansen has made special use of his opportunities and, although he has not reached the age of thirty years, he is the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres, which he is cultivating to excellent advantage. His birth occurred August 27, 1882, and he is a son of Anthony W. A. and Wilhelmina (Prien) Christiansen. The father was born in Germany and the mother in Brazil, South America. They were married in Crawford county, Iowa, and Mr. Christiansen began farming on his own account by renting land. After three years he purchased two hundred and sixty acres in Soldier township, which he sold in 1899, buying five hundred and forty-three acres in Jackson township. Later he disposed of this farm and bought one hundred and sixty acres in Crawford county and an equal amount in Ida county. On selling both of these properties he purchased four hundred and eighty acres in Nebraska, but in 1909 disposed of his Nebraska farm and went to South Dakota. He is now living upon a place of three hundred and twenty acres. His beloved wife, who was the mother of eleven children, died November 15, 1910. Nine of the children are now living, namely: Caroline L., who is the wife of William Meyers, of Crawford county; Marie, now Mrs. William Evers, of Green River, Wyoming; Julius H. A., of this review; and Albert, Bernhard, Ludwig, Johann, Henry and Otto, all of whom are living with their father in South Dakota.

Julius H. A. Christiansen, the subject of this review, possessed advantages of education in the common schools and grew to manhood under the parental roof, showing even in his boyhood an aptitude for agricultural pursuits that gave bright promise as to his future. He continued at home until twenty-three years of age and then rented land on his own account for four years, after which he bought the farm which he now owns on section 33, Soldier township. The neat and attractive appearance of everything about the farm indi-

cates careful attention to details and progressive methods, and its owner is rightly regarded as one of the prosperous men in his locality.

On October 18, 1905, Mr. Christiansen was married to Miss Hulda Baak, who was born in Crawford county, September 25, 1885, a daughter of William and Caroline (Koch) Baak. Her parents were both born in Germany and came to America, living for several years in Chicago, after which they settled in Crawford county, Iowa. Mr. Baak engaged in farming until his retirement in 1910. There were five children in his family, two of whom are now living: Hulda, now Mrs. Julius H. A. Christiansen; and Emma, the wife of Magnus Hollander, of Crawford county. The mother died May 5, 1903. Mr. Baak is living at Schleswig, Iowa, and is again married. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Christiansen has been blessed by the birth of a son, William A. E., who was born July 8, 1906.

Mr. Christiansen and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church and are widely and favorably known. He has conducted his business systematically and according to most approved methods. Each year has added to his financial resources, and it may be truly said of him that he represents the substantial and progressive citizenship of Crawford county.

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#### OTTO J. STALEY.

The name of Otto J. Staley represents industry, persistence and reliability and through these qualities he has acquired an honorable reputation in Crawford county and also a highly productive farm. A native of Iowa City, Johnson county, Iowa, he was born August 30, 1852, and is a son of Arthur and Clara (Ray) Staley. The father was born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to the United States in 1849, spending the first three years in this country at Zanesville, Ohio. He had learned the carpenter's trade in Germany and he followed that occupation at Zanesville. Having decided to come westward, he traveled by wagon down the Muskingum and Ohio rivers and up the Mississippi to Muscatine, Iowa, and then across the country by ox team to Iowa City. After working at his trade for a year in the state of his adoption, he moved to a farm which he had purchased about twelve miles north of Iowa City and later built the first house in the town of Solon. He was one of the useful and enterprising citizens of Johnson county and lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years and six months, being called away December 24, 1909. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Solon. His wife was also a native of Germany, but they were married in Ohio. She died at the family homestead in this state in 1887. In their family were seven children, namely: Frances, who married John Meyers, of Missouri; Clem, now living in Johnson county, Iowa; Otto J., the subject of this review; Eugene, who makes his home in the state of Washington; Freda, of Chicago; Mary, who is living on the home place; and Phillip, who purchased the old homestead and now lives there.

Otto J. Staley was educated in the public schools of Johnson county and continued with his parents until twenty-one years of age. In 1873 he came

to Crawford county in a covered wagon, the journey requiring seven days, and he has ever since been identified with the agricultural interests of this county. He worked by the month, and later he and his brother rented the farm which he now owns. In 1906, having acquired the necessary capital, he began independently by purchasing eighty acres of raw land and applied himself so successfully to its cultivation that he now owns three hundred and twenty acres, which he has largely improved in value by the erection of buildings, fences, etc. He raises grains and also keeps blooded Norman and coach horses and other graded stock which he handles to excellent advantage.

In 1882 Mr. Staley was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Hofer, a native of Johnson county, Iowa, and a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Meyers) Hofer. The parents were both born in Germany and were early settlers of Johnson county. There were seven children in their family, while fourteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Staley, namely: Agnes, now the wife of Albert Pithan, of Willow township; Charles, also of Willow township; Mark, who lives at Herrick, South Dakota; William, of Hanover township; Frank and Clara, both of whom are at home; Luke, Leo and Leonard, triplets, Asa, Edith, Paul, Verna and Florence, all of whom are at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Staley are at the head of one of the most remarkable families of Iowa, and the excellent training they have given their children is evidence of the good sense and clear judgment of the parents. Ten of the children are still at home, while four have started out on their own account in the great school of life. Mr. Staley has from his boyhood recognized the value of labor and has applied himself with an energy and ability that have produced gratifying returns. He and his wife and family are sincere adherents of the Catholic church. Politically he supports the democratic party and has served with great satisfaction to the people as trustee and clerk of Charter Oak township.

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#### CHARLES LINDBERG.

Charles Lindberg owns an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Stockholm township, where he was engaged in general farming and stock-raising for a long period, but for the past fourteen years has lived retired. He is of Scandinavian extraction, his birth occurring in Sweden on the 1st of January, 1835. His parents, John and Mary (Larson) Lindberg, spent their entire lives in the land of their nativity and there they are laid to rest.

Charles Lindberg remained a citizen of the old country until he had passed the thirty-fourth anniversary of his birth, having emigrated to the United States in the year 1869. The period was sufficiently long, however, for him to feel convinced that his chances of acquiring the means or giving his children the opportunities he desired were far greater in America, with its great tracts of unimproved and uncultivated land, than in his native country. Upon his arrival here he made his way westward to Crawford county, Iowa, where he bought forty acres of land, breaking the prairie of his new farm with a team of oxen. He possessed all the characteristics which distinguish his countrymen

and make them such desirable pioneers, and by means of his persistent endeavor, thrift and industry added to his original holding from time to time until he now owns one hundred and twenty acres of valuable land.

Before leaving Sweden, in June, 1864, Mr. Lindberg was united in marriage to Miss Annie Larson, a daughter of Lars and Annie Carlson. Her parents and brothers and sisters all passed away in their native land, and she died May 9, 1911. Eight children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Lindberg, but only four are now living, Annie, Christina, Alfred and Augusta having passed away. Those surviving are: Alfreda, the wife of Gus Clausen, of Nebraska; Willie, who is living in Crawford county, and besides his own, has charge of the home farm; Annie, who became the wife of Otto Larson, of this county; and Christina, the wife of Peter Miller, of Woodbury county, Iowa. The family are communicants of the Baptist church.

Ever since naturalization conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. Lindberg has given his support to the candidates and measures of the republican party. He has never sought public honors or the emoluments of office, but meets the requirements of citizenship by being at the polls on election day and casting his ballot for the men chosen by his party for the various offices in his township and county. He is one of the leading men in his community as well as one of the successful and substantial agriculturists.

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#### AUGUST MEYER.

Enterprise and thrift have been prominent characteristics in the career of August Meyer, the neat and orderly appearance of his farm in Soldier township indicating that his reputation as a first-class farmer is well deserved. His birth occurred in Du Page county, Illinois, November 3, 1867, a son of Adolph and Katrina (Vogelpohl) Meyer, both of whom were born in Germany. The father came to America prior to the Civil war and lived in Illinois, Missouri and Kansas, then again taking up his residence in Illinois, where he was married. In 1876 they settled on a farm which Mr. Meyer had previously purchased in Charter Oak township, Crawford county, and here he continued during the remainder of his life. He died in 1907, his wife passing away in 1900. By their union seven children were born, five boys and two girls, namely: Minnie, now the wife of Otto Stegemann, of Crawford county; August, of this review; William, also of Crawford county; Dora, who is now Mrs. Henry Neddermeyer, of Crawford county; Adolph, of Crawford county; Henry, who died at the age of twenty; and Edward, who is also living in this county.

August Meyer received his education in the public schools and remained with his parents until 1895, when he took charge of one of his father's farms which he now owns. He has prospered in his work and as opportunity presented purchased more land until he has accumulated four hundred acres. His farm is located on section 26, Soldier township, and is under an excellent state of cultivation, the neat and attractive appearance of the place indicating that its owner is a first-class farmer and is acquainted with the most progressive methods.

He engages extensively as a stock-raiser and feeder and is a fancier of polled Angus cattle, being the owner of some of the best specimens of this breed that are to be seen in the county. Mr. Meyer is a director of the German Savings Bank at Ricketts, Iowa, and is also serving as secretary of the Crawford County Mutual Telephone Company.

On the 8th of March, 1895, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Miss Dora Hammann, who was born in Crawford county, April 19, 1876, a daughter of Carl and Therese (Seils) Hammann. Her parents were both born in Germany and came to America in the '70s. They were married in Iowa and later Mr. Hammann purchased a farm in Hanover township, Crawford county, where he lived for a number of years, when he retired and resided in Dow City and later in Charter Oak. He subsequently sold his place and now lives near Baltimore, Maryland, having reached the age of sixty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have become the parents of seven children, namely: Anna, born April 20, 1898; Ida, April 25, 1900; Dora, November 27, 1901; Henry, January 12, 1903; Martha, February 23, 1906; Minnie, August 5, 1908; and Herman, April 28, 1910.

Mr. Meyer and his family are members of the German Lutheran church, and he is an earnest worker for all movements seeking to promote the welfare of the community. Politically he gives his support to the democratic party and is now serving as township clerk, having filled the office to the general satisfaction of the people for five terms consecutively. He is interested in the cause of education and also in the promotion of good roads and efficiency in all departments of township, county and state government. By reason of his many good qualities, Mr. Meyer is greatly respected by his neighbors and acquaintances, and the valuable property he has acquired is evidence of his sound business ability.

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### JOHN H. KRAL.

John H. Kral, a prosperous and well known agriculturist of Crawford county, is the owner of four hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in West Side township. His birth occurred in Iowa City, Johnson county, Iowa, on the 20th of July, 1864, his parents being Joseph and Theresa (Slechta) Kral, both of whom were natives of Bohemia. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1861, locating in Johnson county, Iowa, and later purchasing land there. On the 21st of May, 1875, they came to Crawford county, here also buying a tract of land. Joseph Kral was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits in this county throughout the remainder of his active business career and passed away on the 16th of May, 1900. His widow, who has attained the age of eighty-eight years and still enjoys good health, now makes her home with one of her sons in Crawford county. Unto them were born eleven children, five of whom are yet living.

John H. Kral acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Starting out as an agriculturist on his own account, he bought forty acres of land in Milford town-

ship and later added to his holdings by additional purchase as his financial resources increased. He now owns four hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land in West Side township and in connection with the tilling of the soil makes a specialty of raising Duroc Jersey hogs. He feeds from six to ten carloads of cattle annually, and in both branches of his business has won a gratifying measure of success.

On the 5th of January, 1886, Mr. Kral was united in marriage to Miss Frances B. Fiala, who was born in Bohemia on the 2d of April, 1866, her parents being Joseph and Mary (Haskovec) Fiala, likewise natives of that country. Emigrating to the United States, they landed in New York city on the 1st of January, 1867, and later settled on a farm in Johnson county, Iowa. subsequently they removed to Webster county, this state, there spending the remainder of their lives. Joseph Fiala passed away on the 17th of December, 1898, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 4th of August, 1897. They reared a family of eight children, all of whom still survive. Mr. and Mrs. Kral likewise have eight children, as follows: Rose, whose birth occurred on the 7th of October, 1886; Leon L., whose natal day was January 15, 1889; Milo George, who was born January 3, 1891; Mary T., who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 1st of June, 1893; Adaline, whose birth occurred January 23, 1896; Lydia Josephine, who was born June 5, 1898; Joseph Edward, born July 25, 1900; and Edwin Victor, whose natal day was February 23, 1905.

Fraternally Mr. Kral is identified with the Masons, belonging to Lodge No. 422 at Vail, in which he has filled all of the chairs. He is also a member of the Yeomen at Vail, while both he and his wife are connected with the Eastern Star there. Their religious faith is indicated by their membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Kral's business interests have been carefully conducted, his duties of citizenship capably performed and at all times he has been true to the obligations and responsibilities that have devolved upon him in every relation of life, making him one of the worthy and much respected residents of his community.

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#### EDWARD LANGER.

One of the progressive and successful farmers and stock-raisers of Crawford county, a man who represents the best interests of the community in which he resides is Edward Langer, a native of Denison township, born June 5, 1887, his parents being August and Jennie (Weiland) Langer. The birth of both his parents occurred in Germany, where the father's youth was spent. About 1870 he came to the United States and for the following two years engaged in rail-roading, after which he came to Crawford county and purchased land, which at the present time comprises the home farm. Here he married Miss Weiland and to them were born the following ten children: Kate, who became the wife of William Piper, of South Dakota, and is now deceased; Mary, who lives at home; George, who resides in Lincoln county, Idaho; Lizzie, the wife of T. R. Beers, of Vale, Oregon; Minnie, who married Sam Bichler, of Fullerton, North

Dakota; August, deceased; Frances, who lives in Idaho; Edward, our subject; Anna and Alice, both of whom are living at home.

In his youth Edward Langer attended the public schools of Crawford county, supplementing the knowledge obtained there by a year's course in the college at Denison. He then returned to the home farm, to which he has since given his entire time and attention. Having studied the science of agriculture, his labors, perseverance and energy have succeeded in bringing his fields to a high state of cultivation and his live stock comprises the best class of animals obtainable. His possessions, all told, amount to two hundred acres of rich farming and grazing land. Mr. Langer is one of the youngest as well as the most energetic farmers in his community and enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens, who are glad to count him among their friends.

In politics he adheres to the precepts of the democratic party and takes an active interest in all affairs in which the welfare of his county is concerned. Although in religion his parents were of the Catholic faith, several of their children deviated in their views and became affiliated with the Presbyterian church, and to this and other local churches Mr. Langer gives his cordial support.

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#### F. J. SMITH.

Having experienced many of the fluctuations of life, in the course of which he bravely faced every obstacle, F. J. Smith is now pleasantly located in a beautiful home in Willow township and has the satisfaction of feeling that he and his family are provided with a comfortable competency. He is a native of Iowa City, Iowa, born January 4, 1856, and is a son of Lawrence L. and Elizabeth (Graber) Smith. The father was born in Germany and came to the United States when thirteen years of age, living for several years at Cleveland, Ohio. In early manhood he came to Iowa and located at Iowa City, where he met Elizabeth Graber, to whom he was married. He passed away three years after his marriage, having just fairly started in life as a farmer. Our subject's paternal grandfather was a blacksmith and landowner in Germany. Mrs. Elizabeth Smith is a native of Germany and came to the United States at the age of five years, her parents being among the early settlers of Iowa City. Her father was a carpenter by trade. She was married a second time, her second union being with Michael Smith, a brother of her first husband, and to them six children were born: George, now living at Plainview, Nebraska; Mary, who married Jacob Fackalman, of Willow township, Monona county, Iowa; Peter, of Plainview, Nebraska; Rose, who is the wife of John Hannigan, of Boyer township; Anna, now Mrs. Chester Hunter, of Willow township; and John, who lives in Monona county, Iowa.

F. J. Smith, who was the only child by his mother's first marriage, received his early education in a little log schoolhouse two and one-half miles from his home. He remained with his mother until seventeen years of age and then began working on a farm for Z. T. and Samuel Dunham. Later he engaged



in farming on his own account in Willow township and spent two years in Dunlap and eleven years in Omaha in the elevator business, becoming manager for the Pevie Elevator Company at Omaha. In 1896, however, he returned to farming in Willow township and rented land for four years. In 1901 he purchased a farm, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. He has sold a part of his land, but still owns eighty acres. He has erected a handsome residence, which is provided with all desirable conveniences of modern life, and he is known as one of the highly successful farmers of the township.

In 1879 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Tillie Lewis, a native of Chicago and a daughter of Thomas and Anna Lewis, the former of whom was born in France and the latter in Ireland. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Arch Lawrence, who studied medicine at Lincoln, Nebraska; George Edward, who is now a railroad engineer in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad at Chicago, Illinois; and Leonard Lewis, who married Florence Wickwire and lives on a farm adjoining our subject's farm. The mother of these children having passed away, Mr. Smith was again married in 1905, the lady of his choice being Miss Eva C. Hufford, a native of Crawford county and a daughter of Adam and Lucia (Lepper) Hufford, and one child, Myrtle E., has come to bless this union. Mr. Hufford, the father of Mrs. Smith, was born in Pennsylvania and the mother was born in Clinton county, Iowa. They removed from Clinton county to Crawford county thirty-five years ago and located on a farm near Vail.

Mr. Smith politically gives his allegiance to the democratic party, believing that its principles are adapted to the prosperity and perpetuity of the republic. He was reared in the Catholic church and is a man of consistent principles and high ideals. Fraternally he is a valued member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Charter Oak and of the local branch of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at the same place. His wife is an active worker in the Rebekahs. The business methods of Mr. Smith have always been honorable and trustworthy, and today he enjoys the confidence of his neighbors and a wide circle of friends in Crawford county.

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#### GEORGE SCHNEIDER.

Although comparatively a recent arrival in Crawford county, George Schneider is well established upon his farm and is one of the prosperous citizens of Boyer township, displaying an energy and ability in the management of his business which have produced goodly returns for the time and labor employed. He was born in Stephenson county, Illinois, August 29, 1871, a son of Ernest and Johanna (Kab) Schneider, both of whom were born in Germany. The father came to the United States at the age of sixteen and the mother when she was fourteen years of age. Three years after his arrival he offered his services to his adopted country and fought as a soldier for the Union from 1863 until the close of the war. He participated in several important battles and underwent many hardships, but never failed to respond to the call of duty.

After the war he engaged in farming in Illinois until 1883 and then removed to Custer county, Nebraska, where he lived until 1896. He then removed to Atlanta, Georgia, and is now making his home in that city. The mother passed away in 1883. There were fourteen children in the family, eleven of whom grew to maturity, namely: Ernest, now living in Nebraska; Lillie, a resident of Oconto, Nebraska; Barbara, also of Oconto; George, of this review; John, who lives in Boyer township; Lawrence, who is a farmer and lives near Moorehead in Harrison county, Iowa; Susie, of Oconto; Anna, of Deadwood, South Dakota; Louise, of Boyer township; Pearl, whose whereabouts are unknown; and Lizzie, twin sister of Pearl, deceased.

George Schneider received his education in the public schools and after arriving at manhood began farming in Pottawattamie county, Iowa, where he continued for four years. In 1895 he removed to Dunlap, Iowa, where he farmed for two years, after which he took up his residence in Council Bluffs. In 1907 he bought eighty acres of land in Boyer township, Crawford county, upon which he established his home. He has greatly improved his place and engages in raising cereals and also in stock-breeding, handling a good grade of animals.

In 1894 Mr. Schneider was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Handke and they have four children, Walter Edward, Bertha, Edward William and Esther Emma. Politically he is in thorough sympathy with the republican party and gives to it his hearty support. He has served with acceptance as road supervisor of his township for one term. In religious belief he is Lutheran and fraternally he is identified with the lodge of Modern Woodmen of America at Underwood and the Eagles of Sioux City. Being of a social disposition, he readily makes friends and is greatly esteemed for his frank and genial manner. A man of intelligence and application, his success in his chosen calling is assured, and it is evident that he made no mistake in locating within the friendly limits of Crawford county.

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#### GILL FREDERICKS.

Among the prosperous young farmers of Crawford county is Gill Fredericks, of Hanover township. He was born in the immediate locality in which he now lives, June 30, 1887, a son of Fred and Christina (Steffen) Fredericks. The parents were both born in Germany and came to America, settling on a farm in Crawford county, which his father cultivated until 1909. He is now living retired at Denison and is the owner of three hundred and sixty acres on sections 26 and 28, Hanover township, and also of a beautiful residence at Denison. There were six children in the family, namely: Charley, Lena, Frederick, Henry, Gill and Mary, all of whom are living in Crawford county. Mary, the last named, makes her home in Denison.

Gill Fredericks was reared under highly favorable conditions on the home farm and received his education in the district schools. He began farming for himself at twenty years of age upon a portion of the homestead and after two

years removed to another part of his father's land, which he has cultivated with a judgment and skill that give bright promise as to his business ability. He is now recognized as one of the substantial farmers of the county.

On the 23d of February, 1910, Mr. Fredericks was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Henning, who was born in this county, October 5, 1886, a daughter of Christ and Mary Henning. The father was born in Germany and the mother in this country. They were actively identified with the agricultural interests of Crawford county until 1907, when they disposed of the farm and removed to Denison, where they are now living retired. In their family are ten children: Henry, John, Anna, Christ, Justus, Amanda, Hans, Verna, Nada and Walter, all of whom are living in Crawford county, except Henry whose home is in Nebraska. One child, Walter, has come to brighten the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Fredericks, his natal day being December 26, 1910.

Mr. Fredericks and his estimable wife are members of the German Lutheran church and are counted among its active supporters. They were both reared in this county and have many friends who have known them since their childhood. From his earliest recollection, Mr. Fredericks has been identified with agricultural interests and by honorable business methods he has acquired an enviable reputation as a gentleman who by an upright life merits the high regard in which he is held.

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#### EDWARD MEYER.

The name of Meyer is well known in Crawford county, representing as it does remarkable success in farming and unquestioned financial integrity. The founder of the family here has passed to his reward, but Edward Meyer of this review is a worthy representative as is clearly shown by the record he has made although he is still a young man and is just fairly started in his chosen vocation. He was born on the farm where he now lives on section 3, Charter Oak township, November 27, 1883, a son of Adolph and Katrina (Vogelpohl) Meyer, both of whom were natives of Hanover, Germany. They came to America when young and were married in Cook county, Illinois, where Mr. Meyer engaged in farming for eleven years after his marriage. He then came to Crawford county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. He was a remarkably clear-minded business man and was highly successful, becoming one of the leading farmers of the county. He added to his possessions until he owned seventeen hundred acres. He passed away June 3, 1907, after having met with a measure of success accorded to few men starting out in limited circumstances. There were seven children in his family, namely: Minnie, now the wife of Otto Stegemann; August; William; Dora, the wife of Henry Weddenmeyer; Adolph; Henry, who died at the age of eighteen years; and Edward, our subject. All of the family now living make their home in Crawford county.

Edward Meyer was educated in the district schools and continued at home, assisting in cultivating the farm until after the death of his father. Upon the



MR. AND MRS. ADOLPH MEYER



division of the estate he came into possession of his interest in the homestead and is now the owner of seven hundred and twenty-three acres, his place being known as one of the most highly improved farms in that part of the county. He is an extensive stock-feeder and by good management is meeting with a handsome recompense for time and labor employed. He makes a specialty of high grade Angus cattle and Poland China hogs, which he fattens for market.

On the 26th of October, 1904, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Miss Emma Maas, who was born in Crawford county, February 15, 1886, a daughter of Charley and Christina (Krueger) Maas. The parents were born in Germany and came to America in 1874, spending the first six years after their arrival in Chicago. They then settled in Crawford county, Iowa, where the father engaged in farming. The mother died in 1906, but the father is still living on the family homestead and is now sixty-four years of age. Their family included thirteen children, of whom the following are now living and make their homes in Crawford county: William, Martha, Gusta, Elizabeth, Herman, Emma, Alvena and Max. Four children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer; Edwin, who was born March 26, 1905; Willie, born April 23, 1907; Louis, born June 27, 1909; and Elmer, born November 2, 1910.

Mr. Meyer and his wife are identified with the Lutheran church and are in full sympathy with all worthy enterprises seeking to promote the general welfare. He has possessed every desirable advantage of training, early having become acquainted with the practical details of agriculture and stock-raising, and has few superiors of his age in those lines. Although he is in charge of a large farm which involves many responsibilities he performs his duties promptly and efficiently and has acquitted himself in a way that gives assurance of still greater success in years to come.

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### C. A. LARSON.

A member of a family that is well known in Crawford county, C. A. Larson has gained an established reputation as one of the substantial citizens of his locality, being the owner of a well improved farm in Stockholm township. He is a native of Sweden, born December 10, 1854, a son of John and Mary Larson, a record of whom is presented in the sketch of Andrew Larson, which appears elsewhere in this work.

C. A. Larson received his education in his native land and at thirteen years of age crossed the ocean to America and lived for several years in Pennsylvania. He then came to Crawford county, Iowa, continuing with his parents until after reaching manhood, when he began farming on his own account and rented land for five years. In 1887 he purchased the place on which he now lives, embracing one hundred and sixty acres on section 5, Stockholm township. Subsequently his wife inherited one hundred and fifty acres on section 6, the same township, and both farms are now being cultivated by Mr. Larson. As they are provided with modern facilities, the work is carried forward very satisfactorily. Mr. Larson makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock and as

he keeps a good grade of animals and thoroughly understands farm management, he has attained a large measure of success.

On March 20, 1882, Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss Ereka Erickson, who was born in Sweden, October 22, 1861, a daughter of Herman and Julia Erickson, both natives of Sweden. They came to America in 1862 and lived for eight years in Minnesota and then located in Crawford county, Iowa, where they continued during the remainder of their lives, the mother passing away April 18, 1888, and the father November 6, 1896. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Erickson, the wife of our subject being the only one now living. Twelve children constitute the family of Mr. and Mrs. Larson, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Lillie E., born February 22, 1883, who received a musical education and is now the wife of Rufus Morgan, of Crawford county; Alma B., who was born January 15, 1885, and is a graduate of Highland Park College of Des Moines, Iowa; Alfred O., who was born December 9, 1886, and is now farming upon the old homestead; Julia J., born June 7, 1888, Etta I., born February 15, 1890, and Eldred R., born March 16, 1892, all of whom are at home; Alvin L., who was born February 18, 1895, and died on the 8th of March following; Russell A., born April 25, 1897, Edna F., born April 14, 1898, Earlin L., born June 28, 1900, and Lafe Theodore, born July 7, 1902, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Larson owes his present prosperous condition to his habits of industry and a laudable ambition to win a reputable place for himself in the community. His success is proof of the possibilities in America for young men of good habits who are willing to apply themselves in early life in order to enjoy an abundance in later years. Politically he gives his adherence to the republican party and although he has not sought the honors of office, he has served with marked ability as school director and road superintendent. He and his wife are stanch members and supporters of the Baptist church.

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#### ANDREW A. BOSS.

For the past seven years the agricultural skill of Andrew A. Boss has been expended in the cultivation of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres located on section 36, Iowa township, the general appearance of the property being a tribute to his well directed efforts. Mr. Boss was born in Guttenberg, Clayton county, Iowa, on the 12th of January, 1865, and is a son of the late John and Agatha (Veonberell) Boss, natives of Germany. The father came from Lichtenstein to the United States in 1848, first locating in Dubuque, Iowa, where he remained for two years, and then removed to Guttenberg, where he met the lady whom he subsequently married. They became the parents of three children besides our subject, who is the third in order of birth: John, who is living near Casey, Iowa; Matthias, deceased; and Sophia, the wife of Martin Peterson, of Carroll county, Iowa. The father passed away in Guttenberg in 1893. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, having joined that organization in the fatherland, and he was also a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted

as a private in Company D, Twenty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry. On the 9th of April, 1864, while in discharge of his duties at Pleasant Hill, he was captured by the enemy and sent to Fort Tyler and Hampton, Texas, where he was retained for eight months and then exchanged, returning to his command on the 27th of December, 1864. He saw much active service during the war, participating in many of the notable battles, but was never wounded but once. Mrs. Boss survived her husband two years, her demise occurring in Pottawattamie county, Iowa, where she was buried, in 1895.

The common schools of Guttenberg provided Andrew A. Boss with an education, which was acquired before the age of fourteen years, at which time he left the paternal roof to begin his business career. For several years after leaving home he worked for various farmers in the neighborhood and then removed to Walnut, Iowa, where he continued to follow the same occupation for six years longer. At the expiration of that period he leased land, in the cultivation of which he engaged for four years, coming to Crawford county about 1893. During the first five years of his residence here he lived about a mile and a half north of his present homestead. He subsequently rented this property and removed to Carroll county, where he farmed for three years, and then went to Audubon county, remaining there for five years. Returning to Crawford county seven years ago, he purchased a quarter section of land in Iowa township, upon which he continues to reside. He has made practically all of the improvements upon this property, and they are all substantial structures and well kept. General farming and stock-raising absorb his attention and he makes a specialty of breeding shorthorn cattle and other graded stock.

In 1895 Mr. Boss was united in marriage to Miss Helen Sanders, and they have become the parents of four children: Alfred, George, William and Edna, all of whom are at home.

The religious views of the family coincide with those of the Lutheran denomination with which they affiliate. The fraternal relations of Mr. Boss are confined to membership in the Modern Woodmen of America, his identification being with Manilla Camp, while in politics he is a staunch democrat. He takes an active interest in local affairs and was at one time road supervisor, while for the past year he has served as president of the school board of Iowa township, but he prefers to concentrate his energies upon the development of his private pursuits.

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#### W. A. DAVIE.

One of the well known citizens of Crawford county is W. A. Davie, farmer, business man and member of the state legislature. He has passed the greater part of his life in this county and few men are better informed as to the resources and possibilities of this part of the state or have a larger acquaintance among its people. He was born near Pontiac, in Livingston county, Illinois, October 13, 1855, a son of John Turner and Hannah (Hoskins) Davie. The father was born in Devonshire, England, December 23, 1823. He was one of



five children, the eldest of whom inherited the family estate. Two brothers went to Australia and have never since been heard from. John T. Davie served in the British army and later learned the brick-mason's trade. Desiring to improve his condition, he emigrated to America and made his home for a short time in Quebec, Canada. Subsequently he removed to Michigan and lived there for several years, then moving to Pontiac, Illinois, where he remained until 1856, when he came west and took up his home in Orange township, Clinton county, Iowa. In 1861 he removed to Monona (now Crawford) county and engaged for fifteen years in farming in Boyer township, but in 1876 crossed the line into Harrison county. He passed away December 3, 1883. He was highly successful as a farmer, especially in the raising of grain. In political belief he affiliated with the democratic party and was prominent in its councils, serving as township clerk, trustee, assessor and in other offices. Religiously he was identified with the Church of England and fraternally was a valued member of the Masonic order. His wife was born in New Jersey and was of Irish and Dutch descent. Her parents died when she was quite young and she was reared by an aunt in New York. There were eight children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Davie: Isabel, now the wife of John W. Coon, of Paradise township; W. A., of this review; Emma, now Mrs. Amos Hunt, of Canada; Estella, who died March 26, 1876; Ida, the wife of Livy Hunt, also of Harrison township; Nettie, who is deceased; Frank, who died January 15, 1906; and Minnie, who married T. J. Rule, of Paradise township. Mrs. Davie was twice married, her first husband being John Rogers, by whom she had one child, Ellen, who became the wife of Frank Roberts, of Dunlap, Iowa, and is now deceased.

W. A. Davie received his early education in the district schools of Boyer township and continued at home until he grew to maturity. In 1876 he began farming on his own account, in which he has been highly successful, making a specialty of stock-raising. He is the owner of two hundred and eighty acres in Crawford and Shelby counties, which under his management are yielding substantial annual returns. For two years past he has been manager of the Farmers Cooperative Lumber Company of Dunlap. He was one of the organizers of this company in 1900 and was its first president and still continues in that office. The company started with a capital of twenty-five hundred dollars and now is capitalized at nearly twenty-five thousand dollars, being one of the highly prosperous concerns of the county. Mr. Davie was also one of the organizers of the Kiron Insurance Company, formerly a Swedish concern, which has since been taken over by the Farmers Mutual Fire & Tornado Insurance Association of Kiron, Crawford county, Iowa, and he has served as director of the same for five terms.

On October 29, 1876, Mr. Davie was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Fullerton, a native of Ohio, and five children have blessed this union: Edith, who is the wife of John Hunt, of Harrison county; Maude, now Mrs. Omer Musgrove, also of Harrison county; Ray, who is engaged in farming, his place adjoining that of his father; Harry, who assists his father on the home farm; and Maybelle, now the wife of Fred Cook, of Union township. The mother of these children was called away April 29, 1904, and Mr. Davie was

subsequently married to Mrs. Florence (Painter) Griffith, a lady of many excellent qualifications of mind and heart.

In political affairs Mr. Davie is a supporter of the democratic party and has taken an active part in its campaigns. He served in the twenty-second, twenty-third, thirty-first and thirty-second Iowa general assemblies and also was elected to fill a vacancy in the twenty-ninth general assembly, discharging his duties most effectively. In 1885 he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors and has also served in all of the township offices, being now a member of the board of trustees. Fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 244, A. F. & A. M., Chapter No. 89, R. A. M., and Lodge No. 385, O. E. S., all of Dunlap; also being connected with Golden Lodge, No. 178, I. O. O. F., and Golden Crown Lodge of the Rebekahs. While not affiliated with any religious denomination, he attends all churches and is a liberal contributor to religious causes. Of a genial and kindly temperament, he has many friends and acquaintances and is entirely worthy of the sincere regard in which he is held by all who know him.

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#### HENRY C. SCHROEDER.

The permanent progress of any state depends largely upon its farming community, not only because of the development of the natural resources but because the agriculturist always establishes a home, thus laying the foundation of the social and educational as well as the civil advancement. Henry C. Schroeder, of Schleswig, had been prominently identified with the farming and political development of Crawford county for a quarter of a century. He was born in Germany on the 15th of October, 1854, a son of Emanuel and Ann M. (Muder) Schroeder, who emigrated to the United States in 1870. They first located in Cook county, Illinois, and after residing there for a short time removed to Crawford county, Iowa, where they passed away, the father on the 4th of March, 1889, and the mother on the 1st of March, 1907. Of the four children born to them the son Henry C. is the only one now surviving, the daughter and second child, Anna E., having passed away, while the two youngest died in infancy.

Henry C. Schroeder remained in the fatherland until he had passed his fifteenth year, when he took passage for the United States. He remained with his parents in Cook county, Illinois, until 1878, when he went to Ida county, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand for two years and then rented eighty acres in Crawford county, which he cultivated for one year and then bought it. He was an energetic, ambitious young man, possessing that determined persistence which invariably wins success in any undertaking, and he shortly added to this another eighty acres. He was married soon afterward and then began cultivating his wife's farm, which consisted of two hundred acres, in addition to his own. He engaged in general farming and stock-raising until 1884, at which time he began making a specialty of buying and feeding stock for the market and so sold his two eighty-acre tracts and operated his two hundred acre farm. He is a man who quickly recognizes an opportunity which the less

sagacious would ignore and as a result he wins where others lose, not only because of his unusual foresight, which reveals possibilities, but because he dominates conditions. He is today acknowledged as one of the affluent citizens of the county, owning almost eleven hundred acres of farming land, all of which is well improved and under a high state of cultivation. In the fall of 1910 he retired to Schleswig, where he owns a comfortable home and is enjoying the ease and relaxation from business responsibilities which his comfortable competence assures him.

Mr. Schroeder was united in marriage on the 27th of January, 1882, to Mrs. Minna Zabel, who was an only child of Sigismund and Augusta (Weckwerth) Brietang. Four children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder but only three attained maturity, Annie, the eldest, dying at the age of five years. The three surviving are as follows: Hulda, the wife of William Reinking, of Ida county, Iowa; Clara, who became the wife of Carl Jessen, of Crawford county; and Henry H., also a resident of this county.

The faith of the family is that of the Lutheran denomination, with which organization they are identified by membership. Ever since acquiring the full rights of citizenship, Mr. Schroeder has supported the candidates and principles of the democratic party, as he considers that its policy is best adapted to protect the interests of the majority. He has always actively participated in all political issues and has been awarded some of the best offices not only of the township but the county. His party first elected him to the position of school director, he was later made treasurer of the board and was then made township assessor; at the expiration of his term he was elected township clerk, after which he served on the board of county supervisors and has but recently retired from the state legislature. In each and all of these positions, from the lowest to the highest, he has conscientiously discharged his duties and has received the approval of all. As the years of his residence in Crawford county have increased it has but served to strengthen the esteem and respect which is accorded him, binding him more closely to his fellowmen.

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#### GEORGE P. SWARTZ.

George P. Swartz, one of the substantial and well known citizens of Stockholm township, Crawford county, was born May 24, 1859, in Clinton county, Iowa, a son of Henry P. and Eliza (Koch) Swartz, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, whence they moved in 1855 to a farm in Clinton county, Iowa. They were the parents of seven children, five of whom are still living, namely: Ella, the wife of E. P. Keith, of Ida Grove, Iowa; George P.; William L., of Tipton, Iowa; Arthur L., of Westbrook, Minnesota; and Burdette V., of South Dakota. The mother died in Cedar county when about fifty years old, the father's demise occurring in Ida Grove at the age of seventy-five.

George P. Swartz attended the public schools and remained on the home farm until twenty-three years old, when he rented one hundred and twenty acres of land in Cedar county, Iowa, which he cultivated for about one year.

He then went to Jones county, located on one hundred and sixty acres and remained there two years. At the end of that time he returned to Cedar county for one year, after which he moved to Ida county and there engaged in farming and various other industries until 1894, when he went to Minnesota and rented one-half section of land near what is now known as Westbrook. There he resided until 1900 and then removed to Pine county, the same state, where he bought forty acres and remained there until 1905, in which year he came to Crawford county, Iowa, and purchased what is now his home in Boyer, Stockholm township.

Mr. Swartz has been twice married, his first wife being Anna Nash, a daughter of William and Mary (Gates) Nash, of Cedar county, Iowa, whom he wedded in the fall of 1883 at Tipton, Iowa. Of the three children born to them, two are living, namely: Catherine E., the wife of Cliff Lawrence, of Houston, Texas; and Angie Irene, who married George Maynard and lives in Crawford county. Mrs. Swartz departed this life in 1887 at Clarence, Cedar county, Iowa. On January 30, 1901, Mr. Swartz was married to Lydia Erickson, a daughter of John A. and Martha Erickson.

Mr. Swartz in his political relations is a stalwart republican and has always given his support to the men and principles of that party. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Brotherhood Association. His life has been one of industry, bringing to his work an intelligent appreciation of all that goes to make success, and that he has attained this goal is manifested by the prosperity which he at present enjoys.

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#### WILLIAM F. NUTTER.

The owner of one hundred and twenty acres of highly productive land in Willow township, William F. Nutter is assured of a handsome annual income and is numbered among the respected and representative citizens of Crawford county. In his life work he has shown himself possessed of the elements of energy, thrift and other traits necessary in the attainment of a worthy purpose in any calling.

He was born in Clinton county, Iowa, August 21, 1874, a son of Franklin and Elizabeth (Mathing) Nutter. The parents were both natives of Licking county, Ohio, and were married in that county. They came to Iowa and made their home at Clinton until 1881, when they removed to a farm near Odebolt, Sac county, and two years later came to Crawford county, locating in Willow township. After renting land for a while, Mr. Nutter purchased one hundred and sixty acres in that township, which he improved until it became a valuable property. He died in 1899, and his wife passed away three years later. There were eight children in their family: Alitha, now the wife of James Wickwire, of Boulder, Colorado; Jackson, who lives at Durango, Colorado; Wallace, who has charge of a boat on the Great Lakes; James, of Clarinda, Iowa; Mary, who lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Edward, also of Minneapolis; Ida, the wife of F. H. Brown, of Charter Oak; and William F., of this review.

Educated in the public schools, William F. Nutter assisted in the work of the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-one years and then began cultivating the land upon which he has since lived. He owns one hundred and twenty acres, which he has improved by the erection of substantial buildings, making it one of the desirable places in the township. He is a good manager, as he engages actively and intelligently in his business, and his efforts have been rewarded with good results.

In 1896 Mr. Nutter was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Cue, a daughter of Joseph and Susannah R. (Arrowsmith) Cue. Her father was born in England and was among the early settlers of Willow township, Crawford county, Iowa, becoming a very prominent citizen of this section. He served valiantly for three years in behalf of the Union in the war of the rebellion and is now living at Wichita, Kansas. Mrs. Nutter's mother died in May, 1901. They were the parents of five children: Alfred, of Gordon, Nebraska; Marion, of Willow township; Augusta, now Mrs. William F. Nutter; and Elizabeth and Ralph, both of whom live in Willow township. Two children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Nutter: Charlotte L., now fourteen; and Hazel May, now twelve years of age.

Mr. Nutter has always voted in support of the candidates and platforms of the republican party, although he has never had political aspirations. He is a sincere believer in honesty in public as well as in private affairs, and his life is a commendable example of fairness in all dealings with others. He is not a member of any religious denomination but attends the Methodist church, and as a useful and progressive citizen he possesses the respect of the people of the entire neighborhood.

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#### WILLIAM H. PRUTER.

William H. Pruter, of Crawford county, is a native son of Iowa, born August 22, 1873, his parents being William F. and Helena (Rohr) Pruter. They are natives of Holstein, Germany, and were married in the old country. In 1869, believing that more favorable opportunities awaited energetic and deserving people in the western hemisphere than could be expected in the older countries of Europe, they crossed the ocean to America and after spending four years in Clinton county, Iowa, removed to Crawford county. Here Mr. Pruter engaged very successfully in agriculture and stock-raising and became the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of good land in Crawford and Carroll counties. He started upon his own resources without capital and deserves great credit for what he accomplished. In 1902 he and his wife removed to Davenport, where they are now living. There were four children in their family: Frank, of Hayes township; Charles, of Iowa township; John, who is now living in the state of Washington; and William H.

The subject of this review acquired a practical education in the common schools, thus laying the foundation for a life of usefulness and honor. He continued at home with his parents, assuming many of the responsibilities, until

after attaining his majority. Then, having been married, he lived across the road from the old home until after his parents removed to town, since which time he has resided at the family homestead. He owns two hundred and forty acres of valuable land, which yields bounteous harvests, and his wife is the owner of sixty acres near West Side. He gives his attention to agriculture and also to raising graded stock for the market.

In 1895 Mr. Pruter was married to Miss Clara Moeller, who was born at Davenport, a daughter of Peter Moeller, of West Side, Iowa. Two children have come to brighten their home, Clarence and Leslie. Mr. Pruter and his wife are not members of any religious denomination, but they are stanch believers in Christianity and attend the German Lutheran church, being liberal contributors to that organization. He has voted independently ever since he reached his majority. He is recognized as an industrious, enterprising and progressive man and has gained a measure of success which gives proof of the wise application of his energies.

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#### REV. ADOLPH AMSTEIN.

Twenty-one years ago Rev. Adolph Amstein accepted a call to fill the pulpit of the German Lutheran church at Charter Oak, of which he has ever since been pastor, discharging his duties with an earnestness and fidelity that have met with the hearty approval of the entire community. He was born in Germany, February 26, 1869, a son of Sebastian and Fredericka (Bartholmaes) Amstein, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was by trade a blacksmith, but later became a hotel and store keeper and so continued until his retirement. He died at the age of seventy-three years, but the mother is still living in Germany and has arrived at the venerable age of eighty-five years. There were ten children in their family, namely: Aurelia, deceased; Mathilde, Pauline, Florine, Heinrich, Christiana, Johann and Rosine, all of whom are living in Germany; Reinhold, now living in Ida county, Iowa; and Adolph, of this review.

Adolph Amstein was given excellent advantages of education in his native land, attending the common schools until he reached the age of fourteen years. He received private lessons for two years in Latin and German and at the same time studied music, history, geography, algebra and essays at an academy. In 1885, being then sixteen years of age, he came to America and, as he had decided to enter the Christian ministry, took a course of instruction in theology at Springfield, Illinois. Being too young to qualify as a regular minister of the church, he was sent out as a vicar or assistant, spending one year in Dakota, six months at Davenport, Iowa, and an equal length of time in Hanover township, Crawford county. He then returned to Springfield and completed his course. In 1890 he received a call from the German Lutheran church at Charter Oak, which he has accepted and he has ever since most acceptably occupied that position.

On the 15th of April, 1891, Mr. Amstein was united in marriage to Miss Sophie Grunke, who was born at Waterloo, Wisconsin, August 27, 1867, a daughter of Friederich and Augusta (Bagganz) Grunke, both natives of Germany. The parents came to America and spent three years at Watertown, Wisconsin, then locating at Waterloo, this state. The father died in 1885, but the mother is still living at Waterloo, at the age of eighty-five years. In their family were seven children, namely: Alvina, of Wisconsin; Emma, of Minnesota; Sophie, now Mrs. Adolph Amstein; and Huldah, Elizabeth, Helen and Ida, all of whom are deceased. The home of Rev. and Mrs. Amstein has been blessed by the birth of eight children: Elsie, who was born in May, 1892, and has received a common school and musical education; Erwin E., who was born April 14, 1894, and is now living at home; Herbert C., born December 25, 1897; Helen M., born June 16, 1898; Adele M., who was born September 30, 1900, and died January 6, 1901; Edgar T., born March 27, 1902; Lorena E., born September 12, 1904; and Ruth M., born November 9, 1906.

Mr. Amstein is a constant student of all subjects pertaining to his chosen calling, a clear and logical speaker, and possesses a knowledge of human nature that has greatly assisted him in his arduous work. He is deeply versed in the Bible and especially in the life and teachings of the Great Master, in whose footsteps he has ever humbly walked. By his patience, earnestness, sincerity and unselfish labors in behalf of others he has gained the unqualified confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

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#### THOMAS RAE.

We have before us the picture of a young Scotch lad working hard all day at the weaving, reading at night and dreaming great dreams which perhaps few but a hard-headed Scotch lad could make come true. Into this boy's hands came a book of travel telling of the wonders of America and especially of that rich but almost unoccupied territory beyond the Mississippi. Into that boyish mind came the desire to share in the benefits of this free country and into his heart came the determination to realize this new ambition. Wages were small and it took much time and much saving and self-denial to secure the passage money which brought Thomas Rae to the land of his dream. It was April 2, 1863, that he left his native land and some two weeks later that he landed at Portland, Maine, to make his fortune in the new world. He did not at once realize his desire to go to the west, a living had to be made in the meantime and something of a nest egg put by for the founding of the fortune that he hoped was to come. He secured employment in the Pepperell Mills at Biddeford, Maine, near Saco, and there he lived four years. On April 10, 1865, the day on which the glorious tidings of Lee's surrender reached the Pine Tree state, Mr. Rae was united in marriage to Miss Jeanie Allen, also a native of Scotland. She was a loving helpmate, who contributed largely to the success of the future and who has won a very dear place in the hearts of all.

In 1866, Mr. Rae paved the way for a western home by the purchase of sixty acres of land in far-off Crawford county, Iowa, a place which he had never seen, but of which he had heard through his brother George. By 1867 enough had been saved to warrant the western journey, and together the young married couple started for the country that was to be their home. Mr. Rae's first land purchase was in Union township and he built the first frame house in that locality, a building one story high and fourteen by twenty feet in dimension. He added to this as he was able and he now owns one of the finest country houses in Crawford county. Although he knew almost nothing about farming at the start, he was persistent, energetic and thrifty, and as the years passed he added to his original tract until he now owns five hundred acres in Paradise and Union townships. Although he had to endure all the hardships and privations of a pioneer, doing many things by hand which today are done by machinery, he was not one to acknowledge defeat, but kept on, never losing sight of the goal, until he is today one of the most successful and substantial farmers of the county. He makes a specialty of breeding and raising fine stock and is meeting with most gratifying success.

Mr. Rae has always taken great interest not only in his own affairs but in the civic and religious affairs of the community. He has taken active part in all those things which make for good. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist church and have been among the most ardent and helpful members of that church at Dow City. Politically, Mr. Rae has been a stalwart republican, and in 1900 his value as a party worker was recognized by his election as a member of the electoral college from the tenth district of Iowa. He has held many positions of trust and confidence in his locality and is respected as an able and conscientious citizen by all. He has long been identified with the Masonic fraternity, having joined Saco Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., of Saco, Maine, in 1865. He was one of the charter members as well as one of the organizers of Hospitable Lodge, No. 444, A. F. & A. M., of Dunlap, Iowa, and he is at present chairman of the finance committee of the Sylvan Lodge, of Denison. Mr. Rae has always been an ardent temperance worker and in fact he not only supports but forwards every movement, the adoption of which he believes means a higher moral standard in the community.

Mr. Rae was born at Kettle's Bridge, Kings Kettle, Fifeshire, Scotland, a son of Thomas and Janet (Buck) Rae. The parents were Scotch and spent their entire lives in the land of heather, where the father was a hand-loom weaver. Mr. Rae has several times in the days of his prosperity visited the land of his birth and renewed the old associations. On his last visit to Scotland he was accompanied by his son James, who went partly for an educational excursion, as well as to see the scenes of "Bonnie Scotland." While in London they were received by Mr. Asquith, prime minister, in his private room in the house of commons, being very cordially received by that distinguished gentleman, and they appreciated the honor granted them by such a pleasant interview.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rae were born six children: Mary, who is deceased; Thomas, living at home; Nettie and Willie, twins, the former the wife of John Branhall, a mechanical engineer, of Des Moines, and the latter deceased; Allen, who was chief electrician on the United States steamship Wilmington during



the famous voyage to the tropics of South America when the far reaches of the great rivers were explored where white men had never been before, but after three years in the navy, during which time he circumnavigated the globe, he resigned and is an expert electrician in Chicago; James, the youngest, now principal of the high school at Iowa City.

We cannot speak too highly of Mr. Thomas Rae as a citizen. His splendid good sense, his astute judgment and his kindly heart commend him to all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

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#### P. C. DUNHAM.

A farm of nearly five hundred acres of good land in Crawford county pays tribute to the energy and skill of P. C. Dunham. He is a native of Boyer township, this county, born February 16, 1865, and is a son of Cornelius Dunham, Jr., and Maria (McKenzie) Dunham. The father was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, and came to Crawford county, Iowa, March 3, 1832, with his father, Cornelius Dunham, Sr., the pioneer settler of Crawford county, a record of whom is found in the sketch of Z. T. Dunham, which appears elsewhere in this work. Cornelius, Jr., was reared under the conditions of pioneer life in Crawford county and was educated by a tutor in the home. He became a farmer of Boyer township and an extensive stock-raiser, also engaging in butchering and in the general mercantile and clothing business at Dunlap, Iowa. Subsequently he returned to Boyer township, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was a very active and energetic man and cleared about four hundred and fifty acres of land. Politically, he was an ardent supporter of the democratic party and served acceptably as a member of the board of supervisors of Crawford county, having previously held almost all the township offices. He was also connected with the Masonic order and the Odd Fellows, and was generally a leader in anything that he undertook. He passed away in 1894 and his remains were interred in Pleasant Hill cemetery at Dunlap. His wife was born in Birmingham, England, January 18, 1839, and came to this country when she was a girl of twelve years. About 1867 or 1868 she received a legacy from relatives in England and this was used in buying the family homestead in this county, where our subject now resides. She was married to Mr. Dunham in Crawford county, February 22, 1858, and died eleven years after the death of her husband, January 14, 1905. She was also buried in Pleasant Hill cemetery.

There were five children in their family, namely: Charles D., who was born January 7, 1859, and now lives in Boyer Township; Sophronia Isabel, who was born October 5, 1860, and is the wife of S. H. Johnston, of Carroll county; Mary Elnora, who was born September 20, 1862, and died November 16, 1888; P. C., our subject; and Samuel Alexander, who was born January 30, 1868, and died February 12, 1903.

P. C. Dunham received his early education in the common schools of Boyer township and later attended the normal school at Dunlap. He taught school one term and then began farming on the family homestead, with which he has

ever since been identified. He is a general farmer and stock-raiser and has applied himself with such good results that he now owns four hundred and seventy-six acres of improved land and fifteen acres in timber in Boyer and Union townships. He probably raises and markets more hogs than any other man in Crawford county. He and his family occupy a beautiful residence, which is supplied with all modern conveniences. The Illinois Central Railroad passes the home and trains can be flagged so that it is possible for members of the family to do their trading in Omaha. This is in marked contrast with conditions which existed in the early days when his grandfather Dunham was obliged to travel four days by ox team to reach the nearest market.

On September 5, 1885, Mr. Dunham was united in marriage to Miss Ella M. Hoff, who was born in Indiana. Ever since casting his first ballot he has given his support to the democratic party. He has served as member of the school board and as treasurer of the board for ten years. Religiously he gives his adherence to the Methodist church, and fraternally is connected with Acorn Camp, No. 325, M. W. A., of Dunlap.

Representing the third generation of his family in Crawford county, Mr. Dunham has worthily upheld the name and is one of the highly respected men in this part of the state. He has attained a large measure of success in his business, being gifted with a worthy ambition and clear judgment, and it may truly be said of him that he never seeks to advance his own interests to the injury of others.

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#### RICHARD BAAK.

Richard Baak was born on the farm where he now lives, on section 33, Soldier township, September 13, 1887, and has spent his entire life amidst the scenes familiar to him in his childhood. He is a son of August and Sophia (Wickman) Baak, a record of whom is given in the sketch of Herman Baak which appears on another page of this work.

Richard Baak possessed the advantages of attendance at the district schools and in his boyhood assisted in the work of the home farm as his services were necessary, thus gaining a thorough knowledge of an occupation that has become his life pursuit. At the age of twenty-one, after his father's death, he took charge of one hundred and twenty acres—his portion of the family estate. His brother Ernest also received one hundred and twenty acres and they have conducted their business together, managing to better advantage than if the farms were entirely separated. They carry on general farming and stock-feeding and are securing results which indicate the application of good judgment and the most approved modern methods.

On the 23d of June, 1909, Mr. Baak was united in marriage to Miss Ida Rickert, who was born in Hanover township, May 9, 1888, a daughter of Joachim and Anna (Huencke) Rickert, both of whom were born in Germany. They were married in America and Mr. Rickert engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1905. The mother is living with her children and has

now reached the age of sixty-eight years. There were four children in the family: Herman, William and Edward, all of whom live in Monona county; and Ida, now Mrs. Richard Baak.

Mr. and Mrs. Baak have made a happy start in married life and their home is always open to friends who here receive a cordial greeting. They were reared in the German Lutheran faith and are earnest believers in its teachings. As a public-spirited citizen, Mr. Baak is a willing assistant in every worthy cause that gives evidence of advancing the general good. He is a practical man and his success is due to his knowledge of his business and his close application.

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### HARRY HERBERT STURGES.

Harry Herbert Sturges, a well known and prominent citizen of Charter Oak, Iowa, and publisher and proprietor of the Charter Oak Times, was born in a log cabin near La Valle, Sauk county, Wisconsin, February 8, 1863, his parents being Horatio A. and Catherine (Williams) Sturges. The former's birth occurred March 27, 1827, near Dunkirk, New York, and that of the mother October 13, 1831, near Ashtabula, Ohio. The grandfather in 1837 removed from New York to Ashtabula county, Ohio, and although receiving only a common school education, he studied law during his leisure moments, being finally admitted to the bar. His son, Horatio A., was also a self-educated man and was admitted to the bar after a course of home study. In 1845 the latter moved to Wisconsin, remaining there three years and then returning to Ohio to be married. Two years later he went to Darlington, Wisconsin, and there as a frontiersman broke the wild land for the purpose of farming, in which he engaged for some time. He then removed to Michigan, but only remained there one year and again returned to Wisconsin, this time settling near Boscobel and later in Sauk county, where he practiced law until 1863, when he offered his services in the defense of the union. He enlisted in the Ninth Wisconsin Battery of Light Artillery and served until the close of the war, being stationed in Missouri and Kansas. After being mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, he once more returned to Wisconsin and resided there until 1880, then removed to Gary in the northeastern part of South Dakota, where he practiced law and conducted a real-estate business until his death in 1895. His wife only survived him one year, dying in 1896. She was a member of the Methodist church and later in life he joined her in that faith.

Harry H. Sturges attended the district school until seventeen years old, when he began driving a stage in South Dakota, where later he taught school for three years and read law in the office of his father for the same length of time. He then embarked in the printing business, and in June, 1901, came to Charter Oak, Iowa, where he bought the Charter Oak Times, a weekly newspaper, from F. L. Hills. Since becoming owner of the Times, Mr. Sturges has infused a new spirit of progress in its business, has more than doubled the circulation, while the advertising matter has been increased to three times its

former quantity. Besides his newspaper, Mr. Sturges conducts a job printing office, it being the only one in the town or in the vicinity.

On June 26, 1889, Mr. Sturges was married to Miss Etta L. Christy, of Vermilion, South Dakota, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Elizabeth (Dunton) Christy. Her mother, who was born in northern New York state, was left an orphan when fourteen years old, was married, became a mother and widow, and was remarried before she was twenty-one years old. The father, who was born in Ohio, is a carpenter and contractor by trade and for years has resided at the famous Hot Springs, South Dakota. He is now, at the age of seventy-two years, a carpenter in the government sanitarium there. He is a veteran of the Civil war. Both parents of Mrs. Sturges are still living. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Sturges are three in number, as follows: Ethel C., a high-school student of the graduating class of 1911; Carl C., who was born February 13, 1892, and is also of the class of 1911; Halbert M., born in October, 1893.

Politically Mr. Sturges has always voted the republican ticket but has never sought nor desired public office, being content to give his support to the party in other ways. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which society his father was at one time the second oldest member in Wisconsin. In religion he holds to the faith of the Methodist church. He is one of the substantial citizens of Charter Oak and uses the influence of his paper to support and advance any project of a public nature that would tend to elevate and improve the condition of his home town.

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### C. J. BOHNSACK.

Agricultural pursuits have always claimed the attention of C. J. Bohnsack, who is residing upon a highly improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Iowa township. He was born in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 19th of August, 1864, and is a son of William and Minnie (Lingfeldt) Bohnsack. The parents emigrated to the United States in 1881, first locating in Walcott, Scott county, Iowa, where they remained for two years. Later they removed to Manning in Carroll county, where they made their home for six or seven years and then purchased a farm in Audubon county. Mr. Bohnsack engaged in the cultivation of the latter place for about nine years, subsequently returning to Manning, where he passed away in 1905 and was laid to rest in the village cemetery. Mrs. Bohnsack is still living. Two children were born unto them, a son and a daughter. The latter, Dora, became the wife of John G. Clausen, of Chicago.

Being a youth of seventeen years when his parents emigrated to the United States, C. J. Bohnsack had already acquired his education, in the pursuit of which he attended the common schools of his native land. He remained a member of the paternal household until he attained his majority. Farm work engaged his activities for the first four years after leaving home, during which time he saved enough of his wages to enable him to rent eighty acres of land on section 27, Iowa township, which he cultivated for three years. At the expira-

tion of that period he rented the place he now owns on section 13, to which he acquired the title by right of purchase in 1902. During the nine years of his ownership Mr. Bohnsack has wrought many improvements in the place, having erected one of the finest residences on any form in the county. Although he owns but one hundred and sixty acres he operates four hundred, in addition to which he is a very heavy feeder of stock. His interests are extensive but he is a man who is capable of handling things upon a large scale, and he is meeting with most gratifying returns from his various undertakings.

In 1887 Mr. Bohnsack completed his arrangements for a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Anna Mason. Seven children have been born of this union: William, Henry, Dora, Augusta, Louis, Emma and John, all of whom are still at home.

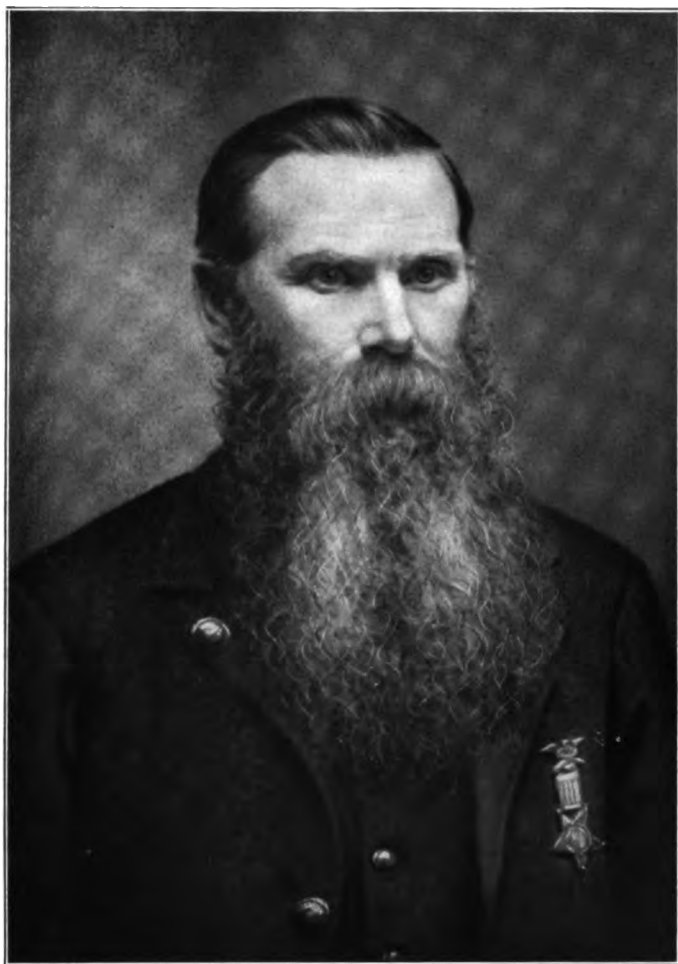
In their religious faith the views of the family conform to the tenets of the Lutheran denomination with which they affiliate, while fraternally Mr. Bohnsack is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, being a member of the camp at Manning. The democratic party has claimed the allegiance of Mr. Bohnsack ever since being granted the right of franchise. He has always taken an active and helpful interest in public affairs and has served as assessor for four terms and as road supervisor for four years, while for twelve years he was a member of the school board, during all but two of which he was also secretary. He is one of the men who possesses the ability to win when the necessary assets are energy and perseverance, to which qualities he owes such success as has been meted to him.

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#### ANDREW NORELIUS.

One of the highly respected citizens of Crawford county is Andrew Norelius, who in the evening of a life of great usefulness as a preacher, lawyer and business man, is now living retired in Stockholm township. He was born in Sweden, July 1, 1830, a son of A. P. and Elizabeth Norelius, both of whom were natives of Sweden. They came to America in 1853 and located in Minnesota, where they continued during the remainder of their lives, the mother passing away in 1864, while the father departed this life in 1888. There were eight children in their family: Peter and John, deceased; Andrew, the subject of this review; Erick, now a minister of Vassar, Minnesota; Olef, Louis and Carrie, deceased; and Julia, wife of Ben Bong, of Minnesota.

Andrew Norelius was reared in his native land and educated in the common schools, later receiving advantages of higher education in this country. At twenty years of age he came to America, and being attracted to the great west, spent fourteen months in Knox county, Illinois, and then went to Moline, that state, where he worked at the carpenter's trade until 1855. After his marriage, which took place in Illinois, he went to Burlington, Iowa, where he attended college for one year, having decided to become a minister of the gospel. He took up his residence in Jefferson county, Iowa, and for seventeen years officiated in the pulpit of the Baptist church. However, in 1864, in response to an



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urgent call for soldiers, believing that his adopted country needed his services, he enlisted in Company D, Third Minnesota Regiment, and continued in the ranks until the close of the Rebellion. After receiving his honorable discharge at Jacksonville, Arkansas, he went to Minnesota, where he engaged in preaching for four years. In 1869 he came to Crawford county and purchased a farm of one hundred and forty acres, upon which he has since resided. Since 1873 he has not participated prominently in business although he still continues as secretary of the Kiron Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, having occupied this office to the entire satisfaction of the members of the company for the past twenty-five years.

In 1855 Mr. Norelius was united in marriage to Miss Christina Peterson, who was born in Sweden in 1832, a daughter of Samuel and Margaret Peterson, both of whom passed their entire lives in the old country. Nine children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Norelius, five of whom are now living, namely: Adolph, now a resident of South Dakota; Hilma, the wife of Erb Stolt, of North Dakota; Francis, who is living on the old homestead; Elizabeth and G. A., of Kiron.

Mr. Norelius has made a careful study of politics and as a result gives his support to the populist party, as he believes that organization best adapted to preserve the liberties of the republic. He has never sought the emoluments and honors of office, but served for eighteen years as postmaster at old Kiron and has filled all of the offices in the township with an ability and fidelity that greatly pleased the people. Fraternally, he is a valued member of the Masonic order and also of Post No. 58, G. A. R., at Denison. By an upright and unselfish Christian life he has gained the esteem of a host of friends and acquaintances who have complete confidence in his word, as he is a man who has always endeavored to speak the truth and also in all relations of life to perform his duty. He clearly deserves a place among the honored citizens of Crawford county.

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#### CHEALS W. PAYNE.

Cheals W. Payne needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for few men in this part of the state are more widely known in Crawford county than he. His is a notable career of a successful man, who started out in life empty-handed and came to America with no capital save industry and determination. Those qualities, however, will always serve as a sure and safe foundation upon which to build prosperity. The early years of his residence in Iowa constituted a period of earnest and unremitting toil, but thereby he acquired a sum of money sufficient to enable him to make his first purchase of land. From that time forward he has speculated and dealt largely in real estate and there are today few men in Iowa whose property holdings equal his in extent or importance. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, August 11, 1846, his parents being George and Eliza (Cheals) Payne, who were likewise natives of Lincolnshire, in which country they spent their entire lives. They were the parents of five children, namely: Caroline, now deceased; John R. and George, who are



still residents of England; Cheals W., of this review; and Lucy Hannah, who is still living in England.

The youthful days of Cheals W. Payne were passed in his native country and his education was there acquired, but when twenty-three years of age he came to the new world in company with his brother George in the spring of 1870, attracted by the broader opportunities which he had heard might be obtained in America. He did not tarry on the eastern coast but made his way at once into the interior of the country, the two brothers settling on a farm which they rented in Clinton county, Iowa. With characteristic energy they took up the task of tilling the fields and raising good crops and for seven years lived upon that place. In the fall of 1877 they removed to Crawford county and purchased the farm upon which Cheals W. Payne now lives. Both brothers recognized the advantages and opportunities here offered and foresaw something of what the future had in store for Crawford county. Believing that the land must necessarily rise in value with the development of the district and the settlement of the county, they began buying and speculating in property and also were among the pioneers in raising, feeding and shipping stock. They continued to purchase land in this county and other parts of the state until at the present time Cheals W. Payne is the owner of several fine and valuable farms in Crawford county, being associated with a partner in the ownership of fourteen thousand acres in this county and in the vicinity of Sioux City, Iowa. They also own forty thousand acres in Nebraska and Mr. Payne owns individually nine thousand acres in Colorado. He has thus become one of the most extensive landowners of Iowa and in his investments has shown keen discrimination and sound judgment. He also owns two business blocks in the village of West Side, together with an elevator and six lots on which it stands. He is the president of the Valley Bank at West Side and has been the promoter of various interests of a public and semi-public character. He and his brother George continued in partnership from 1870 until 1884, when the brother sold out and returned to England with his family.

While Mr. Payne has prospered in the conduct of extensive and important business affairs, his success is to him a matter of gratification because it enables him not only to provide handsomely for his family, but also to do much for educational activities, in which he is particularly interested. He has contributed eighty-seven thousand dollars to the Morningside College near Sioux City, Iowa, and has also been a generous supporter of other educational movements. He is a firm believer in the cause of education as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties and as an element in the development of high and honorable character. At the present writing he is serving on the board of trustees of Morningside College.

On the 18th of February, 1885, Mr. Payne was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Dannatt, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, and is a daughter of John S. and Emily (Evison) Dannatt, both of whom were natives of England, whence they came to the United States with their parents in early childhood. They were first residents of Clinton county, Iowa, where the father of Mrs. Payne passed away. The mother, however, is still living in that county. Mrs. Payne was one of a family of ten children, of whom nine are still living. By

her marriage she became the mother of two children, but the elder, Ethel M., who was born December 15, 1886, died May 28, 1887. The younger, Arthur C., born March 19, 1896, is still in school.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Payne is one of the trustees, while his wife is one of the stewards. They are interested in all that pertains to the educational and moral as well as the material progress of the community, and their influence is always on the side of right, progress, reform and truth. In all of his business dealings Mr. Payne has been strictly reliable, never taking advantage of the necessities of a fellow-man, but the years have brought him success by reason of his sound judgment and unfaltering industry.

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### JOHN A. ERICKSEN.

The rapid progress and development of the state of Iowa, both socially and educationally, can be largely attributed to its agricultural population. Those hard-working, thrifty and self-sacrificing men and women came here and established homes and by means of their loyal citizenship and public spirit have assisted in bringing the state to the position it occupies today. Among these must be numbered John A. Ericksen, who for a period of more than forty years has been identified with the farming interests of Crawford county. He was born in Sweden on the 3d of April, 1836, and is a son of Mangus and Karliesa Ericksen, both of whom passed their entire lives in Sweden. Eight children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Ericksen, but two sons, John A., who is the eldest of the family, and Peter, who has always lived in Sweden, are the only surviving members.

John A. Ericksen spent the first thirty years of his life in Sweden. At the end of that period he was convinced that he could never realize his ambition—which was to become the owner of landed property—in the land of his birth, so he took passage for America. Upon his arrival in the United States he made his way westward and located in Webster county, Iowa, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land. He cultivated this for one year, then sold and removed to Crawford county, where he bought a quarter section, upon which the town of Kiron is now situated. He sold this and purchased elsewhere, gradually adding to his holdings as he acquired the means until he now owns one-half section of land in this county. All the hardships and privations which are ever the lot of those brave men and women who form the advance guard in the spreading of civilization fell to the lot of John Ericksen. He had no horses, so hauled his household goods from Webster county with a team of oxen, and he also used them to plow the unbroken prairie of his new farm. There were no improvements upon his land and he not only had to cut the logs necessary for his cabin, but had to raft them across the river. However, he possessed all the needed qualities of the pioneer and despite the many discouragements never once thought of acknowledging defeat, and today is recognized as one of the affluent citizens of the community. He rented his homestead seven years ago and re-

tired to Kiron, being now able to enjoy the ease and leisure denied him during the early years of his life.

Mr. Ericksen has many interesting reminiscences to relate of the pioneer days, many of them relative to the hardships encountered by the settlers in their efforts to establish homes. Very few of the men owned horses, the majority depending upon oxen, which they used to cultivate the fields and haul their produce to and from the market. Once on a dark, dismal, March day in the '60s Mr. Ericksen took his ox team and went to Boyer to haul logs. He was going to haul five loads up on the prairie a distance of about half a mile, where he could conveniently get them any time when needed during the summer. When he was finishing his third load it began to snow; by the time he was throwing off the last log the flakes were coming thick and fast and the wind was constantly rising. Turning his team he started toward home, walking beside his sled and holding on to one of the stakes. The storm had increased in intensity until he could not see the oxen; his home was five miles away and there were no roads; prairie all the way with nothing by which he could locate himself even could he see, so tying a sack over his head for protection he trusted his fate to the slow steady beasts who were drawing his sled. At last they came to the creek on his land and when they crossed the bridge he thought the oxen would turn homeward, but, as cattle are prone to do, they went in the path of the storm, drifting out into a cornfield where the Bank of Kiron now stands. Numbed with the cold and almost exhausted, Mr. Ericksen's senses were yet sufficiently alert for him to realize he was lost. Stopping his team, he endeavored to locate himself, realizing if he any longer depended upon the oxen his fate would be similar to that of many another settler in those days. At last establishing his position he started homeward. It continued to storm for three days and nights, during which time he and his wife and child were snowed in. He was unable to get out to the barn to feed his stock but twice, and being without a shovel, he used a slab to plow a path from the house to the barn.

In 1875, some years after the preceding incident, Mr. Ericksen started to Denison with a load of corn, which he was going to use to pay a note he had given on a grocery bill. It was fine in the morning when he started, but when he left town it began to snow and blow from the north. He was compelled to let his team walk, but had nearly reached home when the blizzard became so severe he was forced to turn around and return the way he had come. Reaching the homestead of Mr. Newcome he put up his horses and stayed all night, going home the following day. On another occasion, accompanied by his wife, he went to Vail with a load of wheat. Having discharged his business he fed his team, hitched up and started homeward. They had not gone far, however, when it began to storm. Realizing the impossibility of their being able to make the journey that night, he stopped at Mr. De Wolf's, where they remained until the following day. They were not the only guests the De Wolf's had that night, however, as their home also afforded protection for the school children.

Mr. Ericksen completed arrangements for a home by his marriage on the 22d of November, 1868, to Miss Martha Julia Larsen, of Crawford county. The young couple began their domestic life in a sod house, which about four months later had the misfortune to catch fire, thus destroying all of their house-

hold effects. Undaunted, however, he built another house, equipping it with the absolute necessities, to which he made additions from time to time as his means permitted. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ericksen were born the following children: Lydia, the wife of George Swartz, of Boyer; Fred, who lives in Stockholm township; Effie, who became the wife of C. S. Johnson, residing in Boyer; Levi, who lives in the same place; and Emil and Amanda, both of whom have passed away.

The family are all Christians and hold membership in the Baptist church. Mr. Ericksen gives his political support to the prohibition party, feeling its principles are best adapted to promote the moral welfare of the community. He has never been an office seeker, not aspiring to public honors, but he did serve for a time as a member of the board of school directors. He is one of the self-made men of Crawford county who has attained his ambition through his own unaided effort, without imperiling the interests of others, and during his forty years' residence here he has made many friends whose regard and esteem has been strengthened with the passing of time.

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#### ALBERT R. HILL.

As an energetic and successful business man Albert R. Hill, of Denison, is entitled to a place in a work treating of the substantial citizens of Crawford county. He was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, August 31, 1869, a son of Rufus L. and Margaret E. Hill, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He came with his parents to Tama, Iowa, at the age of five years and lived there two and one-half years, the family moving to a farm in Harlan county, near Alma, Nebraska, in 1878. He received his education in the district schools and in the public schools of Orleans, Nebraska, later coming to Jefferson, Iowa, where he learned the marble cutter's trade. After acquiring his trade he went to Holdrege, Nebraska, and engaged in business with his father. In 1896 he settled at Denison, Iowa, and he and his father bought out his brother, Walter L., who was at the head of a successful marble business. In June, 1908, the two sons purchased the father's interest and are now carrying on a prosperous marble, granite and monument business, which each year gives gratifying evidence of the ability and progressiveness of its managers.

On the 15th of February, 1899, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Birdie Ewall, a native of Denison and daughter of Nils A. and Christine (Starr) Ewall. Her father was born in Sweden and came to America with his parents when he was twelve years of age. He grew to manhood in Crawford county, where his parents died and were buried in Oakland cemetery at Denison. Nils A. Ewall died in 1896 at the age of thirty-eight, his wife having been called away in 1889 at the age of thirty-one years. Mrs. Hill's grandfather, Elias Ewall, was a soldier in Sweden. There were three children in his family: Nils A.; John, now living Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Orlando, of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Charles Starr, the maternal grandfather, was also a native of Sweden. He came to America and served as a soldier in the Civil war. He died in

middle life, but his wife lived to be over eighty years of age. There were four children in their family, namely: Albert, now of Boone county, Iowa; Mrs. Fred Beck, deceased; Mrs. Charles Erickson, of El Reno, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Peter Nord, also of El Reno. Three children, all of whom are sons, came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, namely: Ray Ewall, Howard Bliss and Robert Leon.

Religiously Mr. Hill is identified with the Methodist church, but his wife is a member of the Baptist church. Politically, he gives his support to the democratic party, believing that by so doing he is best advancing the permanent welfare of the nation. By an honorable and upright life he has commanded the good-will of all who know him. He represents a class of men whose records are always interesting—the men who win success by wisely directed effort and whose ambition it is not only to advance their own interests, but the interests of all with whom they are associated.

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#### WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

One of the successful stock-feeders in Crawford county is William A. Theobald, who is living upon a farm of three hundred and twenty-eight acres on section 34, Nishnabotny township, in the cultivation of which he has been engaged for nearly thirty years. He is the eldest son and second child born to Robert and Isabelle (Bernard) Theobald, his birth having occurred in Middleberry, Iowa county, Wisconsin, on the 14th of January, 1854. The father was a native of England but left the mother country when a lad of twelve years, locating on Prince Edward's Island, where he continued to reside until he removed to Middleberry in 1848. During his residence on the island Mr. Theobald, who was a lumberman, operated an up and down saw in a shipyard, and after going to Wisconsin he sawed all of the lumber which he used in the construction of the barn on his farm. In 1871 he came to Crawford county, Iowa, where he bought two hundred and forty acres of prairie just two miles west of the homestead of his son William A. He engaged in the cultivation of this until he passed away in 1900, being one of the most prominent as well as extensive agriculturists in the community. Mr. Theobald was always an active and energetic man and death came to him on his way to work, just in the manner he had desired. He was twice married, his first wife being Sophia Goldsmith, to whom he was united while living on Prince Edward's Island. One child, William, was born to them but he passed away in infancy, and after locating in Wisconsin Mrs. Theobald also died. Some time later Mr. Theobald was again married, his second choice being Isabelle Bernard, a native of Prince Edward's Island, but their marriage was solemnized in Wisconsin. Seven children were born of this union: Jane, the wife of Ed Pennison, living in the vicinity of Defiance, Iowa; William A., our subject; Sophia, the wife of Joseph Slagg, who is a resident of North Dakota; Phyllis, who married Addison Morgan, of Manilla, Iowa; James, who died in infancy; Delia, the wife of Fletcher

Dyson, of Boone, Iowa; and Edward, an ex-auditor of Crawford county, of Manilla.

The early years of William A. Theobald were spent upon the family homestead in Wisconsin, the district schools of which state provided him with an education. After laying aside his text-books he engaged with his father in the cultivation of the farm, remaining a member of the paternal household until he had attained his twenty-eight year, at which time he was married and removed to the place where he continues to reside. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and for the past ten years has been a heavy feeder of stock. Success has rewarded his efforts and he has added to his original tract, now owning three hundred and twenty-eight acres of land on section 34, Nishnabotny township, all of which is well improved and under a high state of cultivation. He has erected two residences and is now living in the second, which is a large, comfortable house, well designed to meet the needs of a permanent country home.

For his wife Mr. Theobald chose Miss Christina McCloud, a native of Nova Scotia, who was teaching in Crawford county at the time of their marriage in 1882. Nine children have been born of this union: Maybell Eliza, who is a teacher, living at home; Forester M., Ravina, Herbert Alfred, Margaret, Edward Henry, R. Fred, Blanche, and Beulah, all of whom are at home.

The religious faith of the family is manifested through their connection with the Presbyterian church, while politically Mr. Theobald affiliates with the republican party. Although he is a progressive and public-spirited man he does not prominently participate in civic affairs, owing to the heavy demands made upon his time by his extensive personal interests. One of the successful and substantial farmers of Nishnabotny township, Mr. Theobald owes the position he has attained to his ability to ably direct large undertakings, in the development of which he concentrates all of his energy.

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### JACOB LINCOLN RIGGLEMAN.

Among the citizens of Stockhold township who is successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising is Jacob Lincoln Riggleman, who is a native of Pendleton county, West Virginia, his natal day being March 29, 1862. Unto his parents, Jacob and Julia (Borrer) Riggleman, were born the following children: Martha, of Indiana; Mary Ellen, the wife of William Tomlinson, of Illinois; Emily, deceased, who married John Ours, of West Virginia; George David, deceased; Ann Rebecca, the wife of Levi Reel; Benjamin, deceased; Henry, a resident of West Virginia; Jacob, the subject of this sketch; John, of West Virginia; and Mahala, the wife of Isaac Judy, of West Virginia. The mother passed away in 1865 but the father survived until 1905.

Jacob Lincoln Riggleman was reared at home, acquiring his education in the common schools of his native state. Arriving in Denison on the 15th of October, 1883, he obtained employment as a farm hand, which vocation he followed for two years. Migrating to Colorado in 1885, he engaged in ranching

for three years, and on returning to Crawford county at the expiration of that period he rented one hundred and ten acres of land, which he cultivated until 1890. During the first two years he kept house for himself while operating the farm; the third year he boarded; and the fourth he married. His father-in-law presented the couple with a quarter section of land in Stockholm township, on section 32, to which he later added two hundred acres more on sections 5 and 6, Milford township. Mr. Riggleman has effected many improvements in his homestead during his occupancy, the property being considered one of the most valuable in the township. Here he follows general farming, making a specialty, however, of the breeding and raising thoroughbred Hereford cattle and Poland China hogs, in which he is meeting with more than average success.

On Christmas, 1893, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Riggleman and Miss Anna Beatrice Newcom, who was born November 21, 1869, a daughter of John D. and Sarah Ann (Dobson) Newcom. Two children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Newcom, but the son, James Eli, passed away at the age of five years. Mrs. Newcom, a daughter of Thomas Dobson, has the distinction of being the first white girl born in Crawford county, and Mrs. Riggleman the first white girl born in Stockholm township. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Riggleman: John Randolph, born March 29, 1895; Jesse Austin, who was born on the 10th of January, 1898; Leslie Earl, born on the 4th of March, 1899; Newcom Dale, born on the 5th of August, 1901; and Ruby Margretta, whose birth occurred on the 24th of April, 1903.

The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. Although he is not an aspirant for public honors or the emoluments of office Mr. Riggleman is an ardent advocate of the principles of republicanism, for the candidates of which party he always casts his vote.

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#### CLARK W. WHITE.

Clark W. White, now living on the old family homestead in West Side township, is recognized as one of the leading farmers of Crawford county, the success he has achieved in his calling being accepted as evidence of his special ability in agriculture and stock-raising. He is a native of McHenry county, Illinois, born May 16, 1858, and is a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Whimble) White. The parents were born in England and came to America in 1856. After living for a number of years in Illinois they arrived in Crawford county in 1872, where the father established himself as a farmer. He was called from earthly scenes in November, 1908, the mother having died five years previously. There were seven children in their family, all of whom are deceased except the subject of this review.

Clark W. White received his preliminary education in the public schools of Illinois and came with his parents to Crawford county when fourteen years of age. He continued with his father upon the home farm until the age of twenty-seven and then took charge of the place upon which he still lives. He now owns two hundred and forty acres of land on section 20, West Side township, and

as he applies modern methods in his work and keeps thoroughly informed on all matters pertaining to agriculture and stockraising he received generous returns for his labors.

On the 23d of February, 1887, Mr. White was united in marriage to Miss Ada Tefft, who was born at Richmond, Illinois, December 25, 1867, a daughter of C. H. and Mary (Churchill) Tefft. The father was born in Rhode Island and the mother in New York state. They removed to Illinois, where they continued during the remainder of their lives. There were four children in their family, two of whom survive: Charles, and Ada, now Mrs. Clark W. White. Four children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. White, Beulah B., Howard, Leslie and Evelyn L. Leslie was born May 7, 1898, and died September 7 following.

Mr. White is a genial, courteous and obliging gentleman and gains the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact. He and his wife affiliate with the Presbyterian church. Politically he gives his allegiance to the republican party and he has served as township trustee and for twenty years as a member of the school board, in the discharge of his official duties displaying a fidelity and zeal meriting the hearty approval of the people. He is a valued member of Lodge No. 422, A. F. & A. M.; Olive Branch Lodge, No. 205, O. E. S.; and Yeomen Lodge No. 659. Mrs. White and her daughter Beulah and son Howard are also members of the Eastern Star lodge and the Yeomen, the former having served most acceptably as matron of Olive Branch Lodge.

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#### WILLIAM F. BAAK.

A highly productive and valuable farm on section 34, Soldier township, is an indication of the business ability of William F. Baak, who carries on general farming and the raising and feeding of stock. He has made his home in Crawford county all his life, having been born in Soldier township, November 17, 1883. He is a son of August Baak, a record of whom is given in the sketch of Herman Baak that appears on another page of this work.

William F. Baak was reared on his father's farm and possessed the advantages of education in the district schools. He continued at home until twenty-four years of age and was then married and began farming on his own account on one hundred and fifty acres on section 34, Soldier township. He has a comfortable residence and convenient barns and outbuildings, and the general appearance of the place indicates careful management and gratifying financial returns. He engages in general farming but makes a specialty of raising and fattening stock for the market.

On the 4th of March, 1908, Mr. Baak was united in marriage to Miss Clara Wendt, who was born in Morgan township, October 4, 1888, and is a daughter of Adolph and Elizabeth (Mahnke) Wendt, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Chicago. They were married in Charter Oak township, Crawford county, Iowa, and Mr. Wendt purchased a farm in Morgan township, which he cultivated for two years. He then sold his property and



bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Soldier township, which he managed excellently until his retirement in 1910. He and his wife are now making their home in a pleasant residence at Ute, Iowa, and are enjoying the fruits of many years of labor. There were six children in their family: Clara, now Mrs. William F. Baak; Elsie, Lillie and Willie, all of whom are at home; and Carl and Catherine, both of whom are deceased. Two children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Baak: Leonard E. R. E., who was born May 20, 1909; and Clarence E. A. H., born December 21, 1910.

Mr. Baak and his wife give their hearty support to the German Lutheran church, of which they are members. While not a politician, he performs his duty at the polls by voting for men and measures that he believes to be best adapted to promote the welfare of the country. Although a young man, he is well started as a farmer, and the prosperity he has acquired is the visible evidence of his good judgment and his progressiveness in a work to which he is devoting the best energies of his life.

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#### Z. T. DUNHAM.

A member of one of the well known pioneer families of Crawford county and a highly successful farmer, Z. T. Dunham is recognized as one of the fortunate citizens of Iowa. He lives on the farm upon which he was reared, it being one of the most beautiful places in this part of the state, widely known as the Pioneer Stock Farm. He was born in Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, December 17, 1849, a son of Cornelius Dunham, Sr., and Margaret Scott (Miller) Dunham. The father was a native of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and his father was born in England and engaged in fishing on the coast of Cape Cod.

Cornelius Dunham, Sr., was the youngest son in a family of nine children and appears to have been of a roving disposition in his early years. He left home before arriving at manhood and traveled extensively through the eastern states and Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Virginia and the Carolinas, arriving in Iowa early in the '40s. He began farming near Maquoketa and continued there until 1849, when in company with Franklin Prentice he came to Crawford county in a prairie schooner drawn by oxen, being the first white man to locate in this county. He made his home for two and one-half years in East Boyer township, and then removed to a place on section 33, Boyer township, which became the family homestead. He shipped the first hogs and cattle to Chicago in 1861 that were sent out of this county. In November of that year he started with about two hundred head of hogs and twenty head of cattle to drive to Marshalltown, the nearest railroad point. Upon loading his animals he found that he had only two carloads of hogs, the others having escaped in the course of the drive, but none of the cattle were missing. At another time he went with a boatload of dressed hogs to St. Louis and while in that city the river froze up so that it became necessary for him to return home overland. He purchased a pony, which he rode on the return journey, sleeping out at night

in the woods. One day he met a band of Indians, from whom he purchased a pair of moccasins as he was sadly in need of covering for his feet. Shortly afterward, as he continued homeward, a second band of Indians came in sight who proved to be hostile to the tribe which he had left behind a short time previously. They recognized the moccasins as having been made by their enemies and at once gave evidence of great excitement. Understanding the Indian nature from frequent contact with the red men, Mr. Dunham instantly removed his moccasins from his feet and handed them to the Indians. They immediately cut the moccasins to pieces but replaced them with another pair equally as good and the traveler resumed his journey in safety. He became one of the principal men in this section of the state and at the time of his death, which occurred in 1865, he was the owner of thirty-three hundred acres of land, which in his opinion as an extensive traveler was as rich as any that could be found in the United States. He was in full sympathy with the republican party and before the war was an outspoken abolitionist. He also was in sympathy with the Methodist church, of which he was a member in his early manhood.

Cornelius Dunham, Sr., was twice married and four children by his first marriage grew to maturity, John A., Louisa, Sophronia and Cornelius Jr., all of whom are now deceased. Five children were born of the union of Cornelius and Margaret Dunham, namely: Margaret, who is now the wife of J. N. Obanion, of Boyer township; Martha, who is now living at Dunlap, Iowa; Samuel, of Braydentown, Florida; Jasper, who died in infancy; and Z. T., of this review. The first husband of Mrs. Dunham was Samuel Miller and five children were born of this union: James, Elizabeth, Mary Jane, George, and one who died in infancy. Mary Jane went away with the Mormons and was married to a member of that organization, nothing more ever having been heard of her until after her death.

Z. T. Dunham received his early education mainly at home under a private tutor. Subsequently he attended a seminary in Illinois. He has always continued upon the old homestead, which is endeared to him by many associations. He is now the owner of eight hundred and eighty acres, most of which is under a high state of cultivation. He has made many improvements upon the farm, including a modern residence provided with all desirable facilities and a large brick barn, which is one of the notable buildings in this part of the county. He has attained an enviable reputation as a breeder of polled Durham cattle and was a charter member of an organization in 1889 whose members devote their attention to this breed.

In 1871 Mr. Dunham was united in marriage to Miss Emma Lane, a native of Illinois, and seven children were born to them: Artz L., now living in Boyer township; Clifford S., who is connected with the musical department of the Colorado State University at Boulder, Colorado; Carrie Widney, of Morrison, Illinois; R. W., at home; C. A., who lives with his brother, Artz L.; Jennie Margaret, who is attending college at Cedar Falls, Iowa; and Frederick, deceased.

Mr. Dunham has witnessed the marvelous development in Crawford county—a portion of the state which was largely unoccupied when he was a youth and is now one of the richest sections of Iowa. He has assisted very materially in

bringing about this great transformation. Politically he gives his support to the republican party, belonging to that branch of the organization known as the "standpatters." He has not sought the honors or emoluments of public life but has served in various township offices. In religious belief he gives his adherence to the Methodist Episcopal church and has faithfully served for many years as a member of the board of trustees of the local organization.

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JOHN J. McWILLIAMS, M. D.

It would be difficult to designate a name more honored in Crawford county than that of Dr. John J. McWilliams. For twenty-eight years he has been identified with the medical profession in this county and during the last twenty-four years has been a resident of Charter Oak. He was born at Denison, June 5, 1860, a son of Dr. David McWilliams, who practiced in Crawford county for more than forty years, passing away at Denison in 1898 at the age of eighty-one years. He was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and after coming to this country spent several years at Pontiac, Illinois, but removed to Crawford county, Iowa, in 1857, eight years after the first permanent settlement was made in this county. He became one of the most noted physicians in this part of the state. He was twice married, and by his first marriage two children were born: Hugh C., who engaged in farming and is now living retired at Denison; and David H., a large landowner and druggist who is living retired at Charter Oak. The second wife of Dr. McWilliams was Mary Cleghorn before her marriage. She was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and became the mother of seven children, namely: Charles, who died at the age of two years; John J., the subject of this review; Elizabeth J., now the wife of J. S. Nesbit, a farmer of Missouri; Charley M., who is in the government service at Denison; Marie A., now the wife of Henry Slater, a farmer of Denison; Emma, the wife of Albert Healey, who is in the furniture business at Oto, Iowa; and Lillian, the wife of Rev. L. C. McCuen, of Kearney, Nebraska.

John J. McWilliams received his preliminary education in the common schools, and, having decided to follow in the footsteps of his father, entered the Keokuk (Iowa) Medical College at the age of nineteen, completing the course available in that institution, after which he matriculated in Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated with a degree of M. D. in 1883. Immediately after leaving college he began practice at Denison but four years later removed to Charter Oak, where he has ever since made his home. Of the three physicians now in this place he was the pioneer and he is recognized as one of the foremost medical practitioners in the county. He opened the first drug store in Charter Oak, which he maintained for twenty years, disposing of it in 1904 in order to devote his entire time to a large and growing practice.

On the 15th of April, 1883, Dr. McWilliams was united in marriage to Miss Ada C. Lyon, who was born at Morrison, Illinois, in 1862, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Lyon, both of whom were natives of Vermont. There were five

children in their family, namely: Nellie, now the wife of Daniel Fegan, of Clinton, Iowa; Julia, who died at the age of fifty-one years; Harley, of Morrison, Illinois; Ada C., now Mrs. John J. McWilliams; and Frank, also of Morrison. Two children came to bless the union of Dr. and Mrs. McWilliams: Nellie L., who was born July 2, 1884, and is now attending business college; and Homer D., who was born February 1, 1889, and is a graduate of the high school. He is living at home.

Dr. McWilliams and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist church and active workers in its behalf. Politically he has ever since arriving at manhood given his support to the republican party and his voice has often been heard in its councils. He served for nine years as postmaster of Charter Oak under Presidents Harrison, Cleveland and McKinley. He has been a member of the city council ever since its organization and is now serving his third term as mayor of the town. He has been from the beginning of his professional career a close student not only of the best books relating to the science and art of healing but also of the best magazines and reviews. He has learned much in the course of an extensive practice that is not to be found in print, and as he is a thinking man of original views he is not closely bound by tradition but often uses his independent judgment to excellent advantage. He possesses the entire confidence of the community and also of the medical profession in Crawford and adjoining counties.

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#### THOMAS E. ABBOTT.

In the magnificent state of Iowa are many men who through their own indefatigable industry have won deserved recognition as progressive and substantial citizens. Of this number is Thomas E. Abbott, who owns a highly improved farm of two hundred acres in Jackson township, Crawford county. He is a native of Lincolnshire, England, born in November, 1851, a son of Thomas Abbott, who was also born in Lincolnshire. The mother before her marriage was Ann Clement, a sister of Thomas B. Clement, who is well known in Crawford county as one of its leading stockmen. The father and mother both died at their old home in England, the former passing away at the age of sixty-eight years. He devoted his attention to farming and was one of the substantial citizens of the community. In religious faith he was an Episcopalian.

Thomas E. Abbott grew to manhood under the paternal roof and received his education in the common schools, assisting when not busy with his books in work upon the home farm. He thus became well acquainted with the details pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. In 1871, being ambitious to take advantage of the best opportunities that could be found anywhere, he crossed the ocean to America and spent a few days in Chicago, Illinois, taking observations on American life and manners just before the great fire. Coming to Clinton county, Iowa, he engaged in farm work for six years and in 1878 came to Jackson township, Crawford county, later removing to the western part of the county. In 1886, having acquired the necessary capital, he purchased two hun-

dred acres in Jackson township from his uncle, Thomas Clement, upon which he established his home. He has engaged during the years that have since passed in general farming and stock-raising. As he has a thorough understanding of his business and uses good judgment, he has met with a marked degree of success and his farm is one of the most attractive places in the township.

In February, 1879, in Clinton county, Mr. Abbott was united in marriage to Miss Ambrosia Wickware and five children were born of this union, namely, Anna A., James Edward, Robert D., Pearl May and Fay. Pearl May died at the age of seventeen years and nine months. Fay is now eleven years of age. The mother of these children having died, Mr. Abbott was married December 1, 1899, to Mary Voss.

As is indicated in this review, Mr. Abbott has been the architect and builder of his own fortune and he has now attained a position of comparative ease. He is genial and accommodating in disposition and is highly popular in the section in which he has made his home for many years, being esteemed as one of its best farmers. Politically he gives his allegiance to the democratic party. He has held most of the minor township offices and in the discharge of his duties displayed a fairness and efficiency that met the general approbation of the people.

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### JOHN EHLEH.

One of the extensive property owners of Schleswig, who for many years was identified with the agricultural interests of Crawford county, is John Ehler, who is now living on an eighty acre tract in Otter Creek township, which he rents as he is devoting his entire time and energies to the buying and shipping of stock. He is a native of Germany, being the third child of his parents, Matt and Caroline Ehler. His natal day was the 27th of September, 1867. Of the six children in the family but five reached maturity, Agnes, the youngest, having died in infancy. The other four are: Julius, Ludwig, Richard and Matilda, the first three are residents of Ida county, this state, but the latter has never left the fatherland. The mother passed away in Germany and in 1893 the father decided to come to the United States. He first settled in Ida county, Iowa, and after living there about seven years he removed to Crawford county, where he resided for three years, and then returned to Ida county, where he continued to live until his death at the age of seventy-seven years.

The boyhood and youth of John Ehler were spent in the land of his nativity, but having decided that America afforded greater opportunities he crossed the Atlantic and transferred his citizenship to the United States. During the first two years of his residence in this country he worked on a farm in Jackson county, and then removed to Ida county but after following the same occupation there for three years came to Crawford county, where he hired out for two years longer. At the end of that time he had acquired the necessary means to buy an eighty acre tract, where he engaged in general farming and stock-raising. For ten years he made a specialty of the latter and bought and sold land, owning at various times one thousand acres. He has met with more than moderate success in his

different ventures and now owns one hundred and sixty acres in Otter Creek township, another quarter section in Ida county, a similar amount in Monroe county and one-half section in Woodbury county, making the aggregation of his holdings in this state nine hundred and sixty acres, all of which he has rented. In addition to his country real estate he owns several business blocks and residences in Schleswig, all of which bring him good rentals. He has always been an energetic, active man and although he is well able to retire, having a competence which is sufficiently large to provide him with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, he is still engaged in the buying and selling of stock, from which he is realizing profitable returns.

Mr. Ehler was united in marriage to Miss Dora Suckstorf, who is one of the two daughters born unto Henry and Catherine (Hoffelt) Suckstorf. The older daughter, Wilhelmina, became the wife of Laurence Petersen and is now living in Morgan township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Ehler have become the parents of four children but Lurle, the eldest, is deceased, and those surviving are Clara, Eddie and Edna, all of whom are at home.

The family are identified with the Lutheran denomination and fraternally Mr. Ehler is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen. The candidates of the democratic party always receive his support, as he has been identified with that party ever since granted the right of franchise. He is not an office seeker, as his private interests absorb the greater part of his time and thought, but he fulfills the requirements of good citizenship by going to the polls on election day and casting a ballot for the men and measures of his party. He is a man who by his forceful personality and business acumen must needs command the respect of those who come in contact with him, at the same time his fine regard for the rights of others and his fairness in all transactions accords him the esteem of those with whom he has dealings.

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### JOHN HAGGE.

A successful farmer and a faithful public officer, John Hagge deservedly ranks high in the estimation of the people of Crawford county. He is a native of this county and from his earliest recollection has been closely identified with its agricultural interests, being now the owner of a beautiful farm in Hayes township, of which he has just reason to be proud. He was born June 20, 1869, and is a son of Heinrich and Sophia Magdalena (Grage) Hagge, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

John Hagge received the advantages of education in the common schools and from his early boyhood gave evidence of special adaptability to agricultural pursuits. He continued upon the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-two and then began life on his own account by renting two hundred acres in Crawford county, which he cultivated to good advantage for five years. He then bought one hundred and sixty acres in Hayes township, where he has since carried on general farming and stock-raising. He makes use of the best facilities

in his work and no farm in the county can claim much better results. His home is modern and the general appearance of the place gives evidence of marked prosperity. He is also the owner of valuable property in West Side.

On March 1, 1892, Mr. Hagge was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Thiedeman, a daughter of Claus and Margareta (Gruenwald) Thiedeman, of Crawford county, and one child, Gertrude, has come to bless this union, her natal day being March 10, 1904.

Mr. Hagge is a man of general intelligence and broad views. His ideas are such as command respect wherever he is known and he always has at heart the best interests of the county. It is owing to men of his energy and character that Crawford county occupies an enviable position among the counties of the state. Politically he has since arriving at manhood given his allegiance to the democratic party. He has been very active in its councils and highly efficient as a worker. His efforts have met with due appreciation by his friends and neighbors and he was elected township clerk, in which position he served faithfully for sixteen years. At the present time he is a member of the board of county supervisors and through his good judgment and thorough knowledge of the conditions of the county and the wants of the people he has been largely instrumental in promoting the interests of this section. He is a firm believer in the authority of the Old and New Testaments and a valued member of the Lutheran church.

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#### HENRY SUCKSTORF.

Among the young men who are attaining success as farmers in Morgan township Henry Suckstorf occupies an honorable position, being the owner of a valuable place of one hundred and sixty acres which he is cultivating to excellent advantage. He represents the second generation of the family in the township and was born August 22, 1884, a son of George and Lena (Groth) Suckstorf, both of whom were born in Germany. They were married in America and settled in Iowa, the father acquiring a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Morgan township, Crawford county, upon which he lived until his death, which occurred in 1896. He was twice married, his first wife dying in 1882. She left one child, Emma, who died at the age of twelve years. In 1884 Mr. Suckstorf was married to Miss Lena Groth, a sister of his first wife, and of this union three children were born: Henry, of this review; Maggie, who is now at home; and John, also at home. The mother has remarried and lives in Morgan township.

Henry Suckstorf received his preliminary education in the district schools and later attended the Denison Normal School for one term. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age and then began working by the month for neighboring farmers. After three years he was placed in possession of one hundred and sixty acres on section 15, Morgan township, a part of the family homestead, and is now the owner of this property. He has provided his farm with a good residence, barn and outbuildings and also with all modern acces-



MR. AND MRS. HENRY SUCKSTORF





sories and conveniences. The success he is meeting with is due to his capable management and he is recognized as one of the prosperous business men of this part of the county.

On the 5th of February, 1908, Mr. Suckstorf was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Stockfleth, who was born in Germany, March 4, 1886, a daughter of Henry and Henrietta (Lorensen) Stockfleth, both of whom were born in Germany and came to America in 1903, settling in Crawford county, Iowa, where they are now living. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stockfleth, namely: Freda, the wife of Hans Jess, of Denison; Anna, the wife of Carl Borgen, of Germany; Henry, of Crawford county; Minnie, who became the wife of Barney Clausen, of Washington; Sophia, now Mrs. Henry Suckstorf; Amanda, the wife of Adolph Jochims, of Crawford county; Laura, the wife of Carl Moltman; Anthony and Julia, both of whom are deceased; and Anthony II, who is living with his parents in this county. One child, Harry, came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Suckstorf, the date of his birth being August 14, 1909.

Mr. Suckstorf and his wife are both identified with the German Lutheran church and are sincere believers in its teachings. Their hospitable home is the favorite gathering place of their many friends and wherever he is known Mr. Suckstorf is respected for his sterling characteristics, and as a business man he justly ranks high in Crawford county. His life has been governed by honorable principles and few men of his age in this part of the state can claim a more favorable outlook.

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#### PAUL F. FIENE.

One of the younger business men of Charter Oak, Iowa, who by his efforts in early life has risen to a prominent position in the commercial circles of his home town is Paul F. Fiene, cashier and manager of the First National Bank. He was born in Chicago, April 7, 1875, a son of G. F. and Margaret (Fink) Fiene. His father was born in Rodenwald, Hanover, Germany, December 20, 1842, and came with his parents, Fred and Dorothea (Kruse) Fiene, to this country, settling in Addison, Illinois, in 1846. After securing such education as could be obtained in the public schools he worked at the cabinet-maker's trade and also learned the butchering business, continuing thus employed until 1864, when he removed to Chicago and was there married to Miss Margaret Fink, May 20, 1866. Of this union the following eight children were born: Carl A., who lives in Orange, California; Martha, now the wife of Herman Lorentzen, of Denison; Anna, who married M. M. Black of Charter Oak; Paul F.; Ernst, who was born February 1, 1879, and is a minister of the Lutheran church at Niagara Falls, New York; Martin, who resides in Aberdeen, South Dakota; Emma and Susanna, who are living at home with their mother.

Fred Fiene continued to follow the cabinet-maker's trade in Chicago and by careful economy was enabled to save enough from his wages to build a comfortable home, but unfortunately just after its completion it and all of his other possessions were destroyed by the great Chicago fire of 1871. Although the house

was insured for one thousand, seven hundred dollars he only received eleven dollars, as the fire insurance companies were compelled to go into bankruptcy. However, Mr. Fiene erected another house but, becoming discouraged at the prospects, in 1875 he came to Hanover township, Crawford county, Iowa, and here settled on one hundred and sixty acres of raw and unbroken prairie land, which he proceeded to break and cultivate, and here he built a little home for his family. He improved his place and later bought sixty acres more. He resided there until 1892, when he disposed of this property and purchased a two hundred and forty acre farm near Charter Oak, where he followed general farming and stock-raising until 1903, when he retired from active life and made his home in Charter Oak, selling his farm in 1906. His death occurred January 22, 1907.

Mrs. Margaret Fiene, the mother of Paul F., was born in Langer, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, June 4, 1845, her parents being Fred and Susanna (Keime) Fink, the former of whom was born September 3, 1822, and the latter October 22, 1820. The father emigrated from Hesse-Darmstadt in 1847, arriving in Chicago with only eight dollars in his possession. He secured employment on a farm near that city and later was engaged in various occupations, during which time he managed to save enough money to buy a one acre plot of land in the vicinity of what is now Lincoln Park. This steadily increased in value and eventually he sold a one-eighth part of his plot for five hundred dollars, which formed a nucleus for his subsequent business enterprises, and he began building houses and selling them at a liberal profit. He also handled real estate and continued to follow both undertakings until he had acquired a comfortable competence, solely the result of his individual efforts and business acumen. To Mr. and Mrs. Fink were born nine children, of whom four daughters survive, as follows: Margaret, the widow of G. F. Fiene; Mrs. August Schultz, who resides in Schleswig, Iowa; Johanna, the wife of Martin Kretchmer; Adelheid, who married Theodore Gottman and lives in Chicago.

After passing through the various grades of the German Lutheran parochial school in Hanover township, Crawford county, Paul F. Fiene pursued a general business course. He remained at home, assisting his father on the farm, until twenty-three years old, when he entered the employ of the First National Bank at Charter Oak as bookkeeper, a position he held until 1901, when his efficiency was recognized and he was promoted cashier and transferred to a branch bank of the same firm at Ricketts, Iowa. There he remained for three years and then, in 1904, returned to Charter Oak to take up the duties of cashier and general manager of the First National Bank. This is one of the solid financial institutions of the state, having a capital of forty thousand dollars, with a surplus of \$10,000, and besides general banking it does a real-estate and insurance business. Mr. Fiene is financially interested in the bank and also owns three hundred and twenty acres of farm land in South Dakota, upon which he has made all up-to-date improvements, the house and buildings being equipped with every modern convenience. The old homestead in Addison, where Mr. Fiene's father first settled, is now owned by his cousin, Otto Fiene.

On August 12, 1905, Mr. Fiene was united in marriage to Miss Julia Dicke, of Shawano county, Wisconsin, a daughter of the Rev. P. H. and Catherine (Detzler) Dicke, the former of whom is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany.

He studied for the ministry in his youth and all his life has been spent in preaching the gospel as understood by the German Lutheran church. His active labors have now ceased, however, and at the age of ninety years he is enjoying the results of a well spent Christian life. To Mr. and Mrs. Fiene has been born one child, a daughter, named Irma.

Mr. Fiene has always given his active support to the republican party and while his business affairs preeminently occupy his close attention he has found time to serve his township in public office, holding the position of town clerk for two terms, when he resigned. At present he is serving as a member of the school board. In his religious views he has always been a consistent adherent of the Lutheran faith. He is a man, still young in years, who, by his perseverance, pluck and unfailing industry, has won for himself a place in the foremost ranks among his fellow citizens, who know him to be thoroughly reliable in all his business dealings, as well as devoted to the best interests of the community in which he resides.

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#### FRANK HEMMINGER.

Frank Hemminger, who owns a valuable farm in Iowa township and occupies a beautiful home provided with all modern conveniences, recalls clearly the time when this section of the county, now dotted with farm houses, was mostly wild land and the principal means of travel was by wagon or on horseback. Although it was only a third of a century ago the conditions were as primitive in many respects as during the very early pioneer period of the state. The railroad, the telegraph, the telephone and many other conveniences of modern times have effected a marvelous change. The appearance of the country has been transformed and today the farmer possesses many of the advantages of long settled communities and at the same time enjoys an independence and freedom of action unknown to dwellers in the cities.

Frank Hemminger was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, January 18, 1858, and is a son of Joseph and Susanna Hemminger, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. The father was of Irish and German descent and spent his entire life as a farmer in Pennsylvania. There were thirteen children in the family, namely: Harriet and Lucinda, both of Pennsylvania; Israel, deceased; Adeline, also of Pennsylvania; Jacob; Cyrus, deceased; David and Nora, both of Pennsylvania; Edward, of South Dakota; Frank; Ferdinand, of South Dakota; and Benjamin and Marcellus, both of whom are deceased.

After receiving his education in the country schools of his native state, Frank Hemminger continued at the parental home until he reached the age of nineteen years. He then came west to Indianola, Iowa, where he continued for one and one-half years, at the end of which time he removed to Harlan, Shelby county, Iowa. He had no money when he arrived at Harlan and the weather was extremely cold. He husked corn in the snow and froze two of his fingers so severely that the nails came off. He finally earned enough money to buy a pair of gloves. He worked out by the month for two and one-half years and

then located on section 23, Iowa township, Crawford county, and began farming upon raw land. This was before the railroad was built through the county and Wayland was the nearest market point. Mr. Hemminger prospered in his work and now owns three hundred and twenty acres on sections 31 and 32, Iowa township, being also the owner of one hundred and sixty acres in Custer county, Oklahoma. He has engaged as a general farmer, stock raiser and feeder but is now retired from active labor, his sons having charge of the farm.

In 1882 Mr. Hemminger was married to Miss Alice Berry, who was born in Knox county, Illinois, and of this union seven children were born: Effie, Frances and Hazel, all of whom are at home; Allie, who is teaching school; William; Gertrude; and John. The great sorrow of Mr. Hemminger's life was the death of his beloved companion, which occurred December 26, 1905. She was a devoted wife and mother, ever seeking to promote the happiness of those with whom she was associated. Her remains were interred in Nishnabotny cemetery.

When the house of Mr. and Mrs. Hemminger was first erected there was no schoolhouse in the neighborhood and they generously threw open their residence for school use for the fall and winter term. It was this spirit of kindness that bound the settlers together and softened the hardships of earlier days. Mr. Hemminger remembers driving to Denison with eggs and butter when he received only three cents a dozen for eggs and three cents a pound for butter. He assisted in stacking hay on the ground where Manilla now stands the year before the town was founded and also assisted in hauling lumber for the first building in the new settlement. Having bravely borne his part of the burden, he now enjoys a well earned reward and also the respect of all who know him. Politically he supports the republican party. He has never sought public office but has served as road supervisor of Iowa township.

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#### AUGUST LINMAN.

Coming to America as a boy August Linman has made a practical demonstration of success financially and has also built up an excellent reputation as an intelligent and progressive citizen of his adopted state. He is the owner of one of the valuable farms in Stockholm township, which he has greatly beautified by his excellent taste and judgment. He was born in Sweden, October 6, 1858, a son of Carl and Margaret (Johnson) Linman, both of whom were also natives of Sweden. They came to America in 1869 and located on a farm in Crawford county, Iowa. The mother passed away in 1901 and the father in the latter part of the same year. There were six children in their family, four of whom are still living, namely: Clara, wife of August Lindgren, of Ida county, Iowa; Matilda; Victor, also of Ida county; and August, the subject of this review.

August Linman came to this country with his parents at eleven years of age. He was educated in Sweden and in the schools of Crawford county and continued at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He then bought eighty acres on section 4, Stockholm township, where he now lives, which he improved

with substantial buildings, also planting a grove of maple trees, now one of the highly attractive features of the township. As opportunity presented he bought more land and now owns seven hundred acres, all of which is under an excellent state of cultivation. He is a general farmer and as his business is skillfully managed he is recognized as one of the substantial men of the county. In addition to his agricultural interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers Telephone Company of Kiron.

On the 13th of March, 1884, Mr. Linman was united in marriage to Miss Tilda Burkman, who was also born in Sweden, a daughter of Ola and Johanna (Christian) Burkman, both natives of Sweden. They came to America in 1876 and made their home in Crawford county, Iowa. The father passed away April 21, 1910, but the mother is still living and has arrived at the venerable age of eighty-three years. They were the parents of four children. Six children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Linman, namely: Virgil, who was born March 7, 1885, and still at home; Russel A., born June 7, 1887; Adella C., born April 7, 1889; Myrtle V., who was born November 26, 1891, and is now a student in college at Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Osher T. and Elden E., twins, born September 21, 1894.

Mr. and Mrs. Linman are stanch advocates of education and have given their children advantages of schooling which is of great importance in shaping their career. They are also sincere believers in Christianity and are members of the Free Mission church. Politically, Mr. Linman is in sympathy with the republican party and although he has not sought the honors of office, he gives his friends his earnest support. He ranks as one of the influential men of his neighborhood.

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### JACOB GESSMANN.

Ever since becoming a resident of Crawford county agricultural pursuits have claimed the attention of Jacob Gessmann, who is residing on a homestead of two hundred and forty acres on section 20, Nishnabotny township, where he engages in general farming and stock-feeding. He is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, his natal day being the 14th of March, 1853, and is a son of Frederick and Christina (Bender) Gessmann, also natives of the fatherland. They spent their entire lives in the old country, where the father engaged in gardening. Ten children were born to them, six of whom have become residents of the United States: Christina, who is seventy-three years of age and lives in Germany; Godfrey, now deceased, also of Germany; Frederick, of Chicago, who passed away in 1895; Frederica, a resident of Germany; Carl, who is a farmer in Germany; William, living in Nishnabotny township; Jacob, our subject; Louisa, of Chicago; Minnie, a resident of the same place; and Catharina, who died near Denison in 1910.

In the common schools of his native land Jacob Gessmann acquired his education, following which he engaged in gardening being employed in a vineyard until he was twenty-seven years of age, at which time he determined to become

a citizen of the United States. He took passage for America in 1880, sailing from Hamburg and landing in New York, whence he proceeded to Chicago, where he resided for two years, engaging in various occupations. In 1882 he came to Crawford county, Iowa, where he and his brother each bought forty acres of land, which they cultivated together for five or six years, at the expiration of which time they purchased another two hundred acres. They continued to make such improvements in their property as they were able from time to time and at the end of five years they bought another two hundred acres, upon which they erected good, substantial buildings. They continued to live upon this for eight years and then Jacob Gessmann removed to his present homestead on section 20, Nishnabotny township. During the period of his residence here he has made many improvements upon his farm, which is now under a high state of cultivation. Although he is engaged in general farming he is an extensive stock feeder and is meeting with success from both sources.

In 1877, before leaving his native land, Mr. Gessmann was united in marriage to Miss Carolina Hoffman, and they have become the parents of nine children: Minnie, who has never married and is a resident of San Francisco, California; Anna, the wife of Hugo Boettger, of Redlands, California; Carrie, the wife of John Heppee, also of Redlands; Kate, who married Fred Bell, of Denison, Iowa; Charles, who is at home; Matilda, who became the wife of James McMahon, of Manilla; and Bertha, Carrie and Albert, all of whom are at home.

The family affiliate with the Evangelical Lutheran denomination of Manilla, while politically Mr. Gessmann has always supported the men and measures of the republican party ever since becoming a citizen of the United States, although he has never held any official position save that of school director. He has been rewarded with more than average success in his undertakings, and in addition to his extensive realty holdings was one of the organizers of the Farmers Lumber Yard of Manilla, as well as a member of the first board of directors, in which capacity he continues to serve.

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#### HANS C. CHRISTIANSEN.

A beautiful farm of four hundred and forty acres in Hanover and Paradise townships belongs to Hans C. Christiansen, whose name stands at the head of this review. This farm he has acquired since 1898, his success in establishing a home for his family being a remarkable instance of the effect of industry when it is directed by wise judgment. He was born in Brecklum, Germany, April 1, 1855, a son of Ludwig and Elizabeth (Jensen) Christiansen. The mother died in Germany, but the father crossed the ocean to America in 1907 and died two days after arriving in New York. There were two children in their family: Hans C., the subject of this review; and Briggita, who died in Germany at the age of eighteen years.

Hans C. Christiansen was reared and educated in his native land and continued there until forty-three years of age, coming to the United States in 1898. He began his career in the new world by working by the day in Ida county,

Iowa, and after two years commenced renting land in Crawford county, making such headway that four years later he purchased three hundred and twenty acres on section 28, Hanover township. He has since acquired more land and is the owner of one of the most valuable farms of its size in the county, one hundred and twenty acres of his place being located on sections 5 and 8, Paradise township. He carries on general farming and being thorough and systematic in his work secures substantial results from everything he undertakes.

On the 10th of November, 1878, Mr. Christiansen was united in marriage to Miss Catharina C. Paulsen, who was also born at Brecklum, Germany, and is a daughter of Paul and Catharina (Kettelsen) Paulsen. The Paulsen family consisted of five children, namely: Anna, now living in Germany; Henry, deceased; Christena, of Davenport, Iowa; Catharina C., now the wife of Hans C. Christiansen; and Johannes Paulsen, a half brother, who lives in Hamburg, Germany. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Christiansen, namely: Ludwig C., who was born January 15, 1880; Peter E., born April 11, 1881; Carl E., October 1, 1882; Emelie C., November 1, 1884; Herman C., June 11, 1886; Ida, who was born October 4, 1887, and is now deceased; Christina, born November 14, 1888; Paul C., December 4, 1890; Annie B., October 14, 1893; Johannes C., March 7, 1895; Max C., February 17, 1897; and Rosie A., January 17, 1902.

Mr. Christiansen has been in the United States only thirteen years and during that period has accomplished as much in acquiring a competence for himself and family as generally requires two or three times as many years. He and his wife have reared a large family and by their energy and faithfulness to responsibility have earned the respect in which they are held by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. They give their allegiance and earnest support to the German Lutheran church. Politically Mr. Christiansen is affiliated with the democratic party, believing that its principles are best adapted to the support of free institutions.

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#### CHRIST H. BRINK.

Among the enterprising and successful men who have come from Germany and have gained an established standing in Crawford county is Christ H. Brink, who owns one hundred and eighty acres of good land in Willow township and through his business ability and acknowledged integrity ranks as one of the substantial men of this section. He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, February 9, 1855, a son of Hans and Christina (Lorensen) Brink, both of whom were born in Germany. There were four children in the family: Kate, who is now living in the old country; Christ H., of this review; Louise, who also makes her home in Germany; and Anna.

Christ H. Brink was educated in his native land and remained in the parental home until sixteen years of age. In 1871 he emigrated to America and spent three years in Scott county, Iowa, at the end of which time he came to Crawford county and for four years made his home in Morgan township. The next



two years he spent in Denison and then went to Brule county, South Dakota, where he took up a homestead, which he cultivated for eleven years. However, he was again attracted to Crawford county and after living for one year in Denison he established his home permanently in Willow township, being now the owner of one hundred acres on section 24 and eighty acres on section 23. He engages in general farming and as he is devoted to his work and gives to it his best thought and energy he has attained a goodly measure of prosperity.

In 1882 Mr. Brink was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Hargens, who was born in Germany, and six children have blessed their union: Hans, now living in Willow township; Louise, who is the wife of Thomas Hartwick, of Charter Oak; and Christ, John, George and Anna, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Brink as the head of a promising family has set an example well worthy of emulation by his children who have all been given excellent advantages of education and training. Mrs. Brink has proven a faithful companion to her husband and a kind mother whose main happiness it is to promote the comfort and welfare of others. She and her husband are sincere members of the Lutheran church and active workers in its behalf. Politically he gives his support to the democratic party.

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#### AUGUST F. LILL.

Among the industrious and enterprising agriculturists of Charter Oak township is August F. Lill, who owns and successfully cultivates one of the highly developed farms in that part of the county. He is recognized as an enterprising and progressive citizen and was born on the place which he now owns May 8, 1883. The parents were August and Theresa (Reetz) Lill, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to America at twenty-one years of age and the mother at sixteen. They were married in this country and after living in Chicago for several years settled in Charter Oak township, Crawford county, Iowa, where Mr. Lill bought land, ultimately acquiring two hundred and eighty acres, which he developed into a valuable property. He died August 24, 1902, his faithful companion having passed away July 13, 1899. Eight children were born to them, namely: John, of Sioux City, Iowa; Anna, now the wife of Emil Pautsch, of Crawford county; Laura, the wife of Rolly Weed, of Crawford county; Minnie, now Mrs. George Pautsch, of Luverne, Minnesota; Theresa, also of Crawford county; August, the subject of this review; and Max and Selma, both of whom died in infancy.

August F. Lill attended the district schools and worked on the home farm under his father until after the death of the latter, when he located on his portion of the homestead. He has since cultivated the farm except for four years, when he rented it to another person, but is now living on his own place, which consists of one hundred and twenty acres. He has a commodious and comfortable residence and has made many improvements, everything about the farm being in excellent order. He is a general agriculturist and is regarded as one of the best farmers in his locality.

On the 24th of February, 1910, Mr. Lill was united in marriage to Miss Josie Teut, who was born in Soldier township, January 21, 1887, a daughter of Peter and Sophia (Boysen) Teut. The parents were both born in Germany but were married in Clinton county, Iowa, where the father engaged in farming until his retirement in 1907. He and his wife are now living at Denison. He still owns a section of well improved land which is in three different tracts in Soldier township. There were twelve children in his family, namely: Mary, now the wife of Christ Jensen, of Crawford county; Alvena, wife of John Eggen, also of Crawford county; Herman, of this county; Annie, wife of John Else, of Ida county; Josie, now Mrs. August Lill; Otto, Eliza, Estella, Albert and Erwin, all of whom are at home; and Ella and Agnes, both of whom died in early childhood.

Mr. Lill and his wife are members of the Lutheran church and are well known and prominent socially in the community. He devotes his close attention to his business, aiming to keep abreast of the times, and he thus secured ample returns for his labor. He is now apparently on the high road to steadily increasing prosperity.

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### JOHN SCHUMANN.

John Schumann, of Hayes township, was born in Scott county, Iowa, May 12, 1869, and has devoted his life to farming. His efforts have been crowned with success, as is indicated by a beautiful place which pays liberal tribute to his energy and care. He is of German descent on both sides of the house, a son of Nicholas and Johanna (Peekenschneider) Schumann. The father came to America in 1858 or 1859, before his marriage, and first took up his residence in Scott county, Iowa. Later he removed to Crawford county and located on land six and one-half miles south of West Side in Hayes township. He improved his farm and there died in 1893. The mother is still living on the old home place. There were twelve children in their family, namely: Catherine, who is the wife of Fred Schrum, of Audubon county, Iowa; Frederick, who is living on a farm west of Manning; John, of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of John Reimers, of Carroll county, Iowa; Caroline, who married Herman Fankon, of Manning; Adelia, the wife of John Martins; Rosa, who married John Johanson, of Nebraska; Amelia, now Mrs. William Coberg, of Denison, Iowa; Henry, who is at home; Charles, of Manning; and Clara and August, both of whom are also at home.

As a member of a large family John Schumann early learned the great lesson of self-denial and also the necessity of labor in the accomplishment of any worthy object. He received his preliminary education in the common schools, and as he grew to maturity gained a thorough knowledge of agriculture and stock-raising. At twenty-one years of age he began renting land on his own account and so continued until 1909, when he purchased two hundred and ten acres in Hayes township, which under his careful management yields goodly returns.

In 1890 Mr. Schumann was married to Miss Amelia Ewoldt, and six children came to bless this union: Elsie, Laura, Lewis, Elizabeth, Leroy and Edwin, all of whom are at home. In politics Mr. Schumann gives his allegiance to the democratic party and believes that in so doing he is advancing the welfare of the state and nation. He is an advocate of the principles of fraternity and is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias lodges, both of West Side. He and his wife are earnest members of the German Lutheran church and by their example of industry and self-reliance have won the high regard of their neighbors and acquaintances.

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#### FRANCIS MCSORLEY.

County Tyrone, Ireland, was the birthplace of Francis McSorley, who has been a resident of Nishnabotny township for more than twenty years. He was born in 1858 and is a son of the late Michael and Alice (Donnelly) McSorley, who emigrated from the Emerald isle in 1878, locating upon the place where Francis McSorley now resides. This section of the country was very sparsely settled at that period and there was but one residence between their house and Denison. They continued to live there and on the opposite side of the road until 1889, at which time Mr. McSorley passed away. He was long survived by his wife, whose demise occurred in 1906. Ten children were born unto them: Catherine, who is the wife of William Smith, of Nishnabotny township; John, Mary and Peter, all three deceased; Lizzie, who became the wife of James Lauren, of Nishnabotny township; Francis, our subject; Alice, the wife of Henry Slater, of Nishnabotny township; Ellen, who married Albert Carson, of Nishnabotny township; Thomas, deceased; and Jennie, the wife of Patrick Hook, of South Dakota.

Francis McSorley acquired his education in the common schools of Ireland, in which country he continued to reside until he was twenty-one years of age. He remained in his native land about six months after his parents sailed from Belfast to New York, in order to dispose of their personal effects. After having settled up all of their business he took passage for America, stopping while en route from New York to Denison at Amboy, Illinois, where he visited for two weeks and then joined his parents in Crawford county. He remained a member of the paternal household, assisting his father in the cultivation of the farm until the latter's demise, subsequent to which event he located upon his present homestead. His holdings here aggregate two hundred and forty acres, all of which is well improved and under a high state of cultivation. Mr. McSorley engages in general farming but makes a specialty of raising pedigreed Durham cattle and registered Poland China hogs and he also breeds fine Clydesdale horses. He is meeting with success in all of his ventures, having added eighty acres to his holdings since first locating here, while the two-room house which was on the place has given way to a pleasant, modern country residence.

In 1898 Mr. McSorley was united in marriage to Miss Bridget Hassett, a daughter of Jerry and Bridget (Donovan) Hassett, natives of Ireland. Mr.

Hassett came to the United States in 1865, having sailed from Queenstown to New York, in which city he remained for a time, and then went to Newport, where he resided for two years, during which time he was married. From Newport he removed to Iowa, first locating in Davenport, which city he left at the end of a year to become a citizen of Denison. Here he worked upon the railroad section for five years, during which period he acquired the means that enabled him to buy eighty acres of land in East Boyer township. After cultivating this for twenty years he bought a tract of four hundred acres in the same township, where he remained until he and Mrs. Hassett retired to Denison one year ago. He now owns a quarter section of land which he rents. Eleven children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Hassett: Mary, the wife of Michael McMahon, a resident of Denison; Cornelius, living in East Boyer township; Bridget, the wife of Francis McSorley; Thomas, of East Boyer township; Patrick, of Denison; Margaret, the wife of P. M. Lane, living in the vicinity of Vail; John, who is at home; Ellen, who married Joseph Boman, of Buck Grove, Iowa; Hannah, the wife of Frank Comstock, of East Boyer township; Catherine, formerly a school teacher and now a stenographer in Denison; and Lizzie, the wife of Clarence O'Mara, of Washington township. Mrs. McSorley acquired her education in the district schools of East Boyer township remaining at home until she was married. Six children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. McSorley: Francis, who is eleven years of age; Leo, who is seven; Clara, five years of age; John, who is now two; Thomas, who passed away at the age of nine months; and the sixth who died in infancy.

The family attend the Roman Catholic church, of which the parents are communicants, while his political allegiance Mr. McSorley accords the democratic party. He never prominently participates in civic affairs, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to the supervision of his personal interests, in the development of which he is meeting with very satisfactory returns.

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#### CHARLES A. DOLK.

Charles A. Dolk, who is a native of Crawford county, having been born three miles south of Kiron, on the 26th of August, 1873, is a son of Andrew and Hulda (Frodig) Dolk. The parents emigrated to the United States from Scandinavia and located on a farm in Sac county, Iowa, but they later removed to Crawford county. Four children were born to them, but only two are now living: Charles A., who is the oldest; and Seth A., the youngest member of the family, who now lives in North Dakota. The daughter, Lilly, and the third child, an infant, have both passed away.

Charles A. Dolk acquired his education in the common schools of this county and when he had attained his majority he began working for himself. He first obtained employment as a farm hand and after being identified with that occupation for eight years he located in Kiron, where he works as a machinist and plumber, in both of which lines he is meeting with a fair degree of success.

On the 2d of March, 1896, Mr. Dolk was united in marriage to Miss Matilda L. Johnson, a daughter of Erick and Anna (Palm) Johnson. She is one of a family of four children, who are as follows: John A., who lives in Kiron; Charles E., who is a resident of the same place; Matilda L.; and M. A. Johnson, living in Kiron. One child has been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Dolk, Sidney Raymond, who is now eight years of age.

They attend the Baptist church; and ever since attaining his majority Mr. Dolk has supported the candidates and measures of the republican party. He takes an active interest in all political questions and has served in a number of the minor township offices, the duties of which he faithfully discharged.

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### C. S. JOHNSON.

A striking illustration of the opportunities which may be utilized in America by a young man coming from a foreign land is presented in the life of C. S. Johnson, now a prosperous business man of Boyer. He was born in Sweden, May 19, 1873, a son of John A. and Anna Johnson, both natives of Sweden. The father died in the old country but the mother is still living there.

C. S. Johnson of this review was the only child of his parents. He grew to manhood under the favorable conditions of a quiet home and received his preliminary education in his native land. As he approached manhood he felt an irresistible desire to see the world and decided that he would seek a permanent home in America. Accordingly, in 1892, being then nineteen years of age, he crossed the ocean and went west to Nebraska, where he spent five years. In 1897 he arrived in Crawford county, Iowa, where he worked upon a farm for one year and then for five years followed the carpenter's trade. He began in the furniture business at Kiron but after several years sold out and entered the general mercantile business at Boyer, in which he has since continued with an ability which has produced very satisfactory returns. He has for seven years past been postmaster at Boyer, and he is also in partnership with Gust Sanders in business at Kiron. That he is attaining a goodly measure of success is evidenced by the fact that he owns a substantial store building in Boyer and also a store building in Kiron.

On the 25th of November, 1903, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Effie S. Erickson, a native of Crawford county and a daughter of John A. and Martha Erickson, both of whom were born in Sweden. The parents came to this country and are now making their home at Kiron. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of two children: Eveline F., who was born June 14, 1905; and Carlyle A., who was born August 27, 1910, and died September 30 following.

Mrs. Johnson is a lady of fine intellectual attainments and she taught school very successfully before her marriage. She and her husband are active workers in the Baptist church and take great interest not only in its prosperity but in the advancement of all worthy objects. Politically Mr. Johnson adheres to the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to the pros-

perity of the state and nation. He was endowed by worthy parentage with the desire to win an honorable name in the world, and he is known as a man of strict integrity who possesses in the highest degree the respect and confidence of those with whom he associates.

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### B. H. FODERBERG.

B. H. Foderberg is numbered among the successful and well-to-do farmers of Denison township and also has the honor of being a veteran of the Spanish-American war, in which he served with distinguished credit. He was born in Davenport, Iowa, August 5, 1872, his parents being G. E. and C. C. (Kuehner) Foderberg. His father was of German extraction and was, presumably, born in Davenport, where he grew to manhood and there married Miss Kuehner in 1870. He followed the trade of a carriage painter and decorator in both Davenport and Boone until after his marriage, when he came to Denison and engaged in the liquor business for a short time, later returning to his trade. In 1878 he went to California, where his death occurred in 1882. His wife was born in Germany, coming to the United States with her parents when she was three years old. They located in Davenport, where they both died within a year. Mrs. Foderberg spent her childhood in Davenport and after her marriage moved with her husband to Denison, coming into possession of land on section 25, Denison township, where she has since continued to reside. She is the mother of four children, namely: B. H., the subject of this sketch; Minnie A., who is the wife of Henry Krauel and lives near Denison; George E., who is farming in Denison township; and Hattie, who is the wife of F. W. Shreader and resides in Washington township.

B. H. Foderberg has had the advantages of a liberal education, attending the rural schools in his youth from which he was graduated to the college in Denison, remaining at that institution for two years, then spending one year at Cornell college, Mount Vernon, Iowa, and finally finishing his course of study at the Iowa State University, where for a year and a half he made a specialty of pharmacy.

Returning home he remained there until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war in 1898 and on May 12th of that year enlisted in Company K, Fifty-First Iowa Volunteers at Des Moines. He left there June 5 for San Francisco, arriving in the latter city June 10. He remained in camp at the Presidio until November and then embarked for the Philippines on the United States transport Pennsylvania, arriving at Honolulu, November 12. Here his company remained three days and then departed for Manila, reaching there December 2 but staying on board the boat until December 26, when they sailed for Iloilo. Here they were delayed until January 29, 1909, and then returned to Manila Bay, arriving there January 31. They laid off Cavite until February 3, on which date, at 11 P. M., the active hostilities began. In the days of fighting that followed Mr. Foderberg always showed that valor and courage that is born in the heart of every American citizen and his loyalty was in part acknowledged by his

country by his promotion to the rank of corporal. Among the fiercely contested battles in which he participated are the following: Occupation of San Roque, February 9; Guadalupe Church, March 5; Qungua, April 23; East and West Pulilian, April 24; Columpit, April 25; Santo Tomas, May 4; San Fernande, May 5-25-26-31, June 16-22, July 4; Calulut, August 9; Angeles, August 9 and 17. On September 16, 1899, the regiment was ordered back to Manila preparatory to leaving for the United States and sailed on the Transport Senator, September 22, 1899, arriving at San Francisco October 22, having touched at Yokohama and Nagasaki, Japan. After returning home Mr. Foderberg engaged in farming for one year and then located in Denison, where he was in the feed business until 1903 and in November of that year removed to Clayton county, Iowa, where he again took up farming until 1909. He then returned to the home farm, which has not yet been divided among the heirs, and has since given his entire attention to its operation.

Mr. Foderberg was married February 18, 1903, to Miss Maude Pilot, who was born in Crawford county near Dow City, a daughter of Thomas and Laura (Peterson) Pilot. The father was born in Kentucky and the mother was a native of Denmark. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Minnie, who is the wife of A. G. Grant and resides at Charter Oak, Iowa; Maude; Henry, who lives in Salem, South Dakota; and Charles, who resides in Charter Oak. Mr. and Mrs. Foderberg have two children, namely: Vivian May, born May 5, 1907; and Benjamin Arthur, born May 4, 1908.

Although Mr. Foderberg supports the republican party in politics he is inclined to socialism in some of his views. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World, all of these lodges being located in Denison. Mrs. Foderberg is a member of the Woodman Circle, and both she and her husband attend the Methodist church. Mr. Foderberg has demonstrated his genuine worth both as a reliable and trustworthy man and as a loyal citizen who gave assistance to his country in time of need.

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### ZACHARY TAYLOR HAWK.

No man has been more closely identified with the school system of Crawford county than Z. T. Hawk. A man of large ability and of the most extreme uprightness of character, he left a permanent impression for good upon all the many youths with whom he came in contact. He was particularly thorough and systematic in all that he undertook, and to him more than any other man may be given the credit for raising the standard of the schools, both of Denison and the county, and placing them first upon a systematic basis. A good disciplinarian, Mr. Hawk always acted with justice and with leniency. A simple, quiet, rugged, honest and honorable man, he taught his pupils far more than was given in the text-books. He taught them the primal virtues of life and gave to them an example of conscientious right living. Many a man and woman have forgotten some of the frills of education, but the clear, forceful

and elementary teaching of Mr. Hawk was etched on the minds of his pupils and that was a part of their education which can never be forgotten. In appearance Mr. Hawk is still a strong, vigorous, forceful man. Straight as an arrow, he well illustrates that advancing years need have no terrors for the man who has lived his life aright. We believe Mr. Hawk's proudest possession is the knowledge that he is surrounded by the love of all his former pupils and that none have known him but to honor and esteem.

Zachary Taylor Hawk, third son of Martin and Nancy (Burroughs) Hawk, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, and spent the first five years of his life in that beautiful region, made historic by the struggle between the white settlers and Indians in the latter part of the eighteenth century. The father was of Dutch descent, the mother of Scotch, but in the course of many American born generations all traces of foreign nationality had been lost. In 1854 the family emigrated from Ohio to Iowa, making the trip of seven hundred miles in a "prairie schooner." One hundred and sixty acres of raw prairie land was purchased in Pleasant Grove township, Mahaska county, and here, in 1855, a little home was built and a portion of the farm brought under cultivation. The privations of pioneer life were many and the luxuries few. The first crop of wheat and a part of the corn were destroyed by prairie fire, but kind hearted neighbors came to the rescue with a bushel of wheat each until plenty was contributed for bread and for seed for the next crop. Succeeding years brought plenty and comfort, but money was scarce and the mother made the winter garments for the family from wool that she herself had spun.

The subject of our sketch trudged two miles to school across the open prairies with his two older brothers, all proudly wearing their suits of homespun. His winters were spent at school, his summers on the farm, and when a flock of two or three hundred sheep was added to the stock the hours of work were long indeed. The homestead was situated on a much traveled east and west roadway and along this road in 1857 and 1858 went many bands of heavily armed "free soilers" on the way to join John Brown in Kansas. Our farmer boy mingled freely with these so called border ruffians when they camped on the little stream near by and found them such good fellows that he was filled with the war spirit and fain would go to Kansas too. He saw and talked with John Brown himself many times in the spring of 1859, but he was not aware of the identity of the venerable stranger until the latter's portrait appeared in the papers after the fatal venture at Harpers Ferry. Immaturity in years condemned him to fight weeds on the farm while his older brothers fought slavery in the south. Consolation was offered him in the form of two years instruction at the high school in the village of Indianapolis, Mahaska county, and later a short course at Hull's Classical and Normal School in Oskaloosa, a famous school in its day.

In 1867 Mr. Hawk commenced teaching and after four terms of most successful work in rural districts he was tendered a grade position in the city schools of Sigourney, Keokuk county, Iowa. He remained there two years, then spent six months in the office of the Sigourney Review, learning the printer's trade. In the fall of 1872, on the invitation of R. Heffelfinger, director, he came to Crawford county to organize the graded school of Denison, then about to oc-



cupy the fine new building now known as the "west brick." He gave the school its first course of study in 1873 and its second one in 1883. In all he was principal of this school ten years, broken by one year at the State College at Ames, and by one term as county superintendent (1878-79.) He graduated the first two classes, 1886 and 1887, and turned over to his successor a thoroughly organized and graded institution. He had managed the school almost continuously from the time it employed two teachers until it had nine. In 1887 he accepted the city superintendency of the Audubon (Iowa) schools, which position he held for four years, and in 1892 he was elected principal of the Vail (Iowa) school, where he remained eight years. He retired from teaching in 1900, spent three years on his farm in East Boyer township, and in 1904 removed to a comfortable new home in Denison, where he still resides.

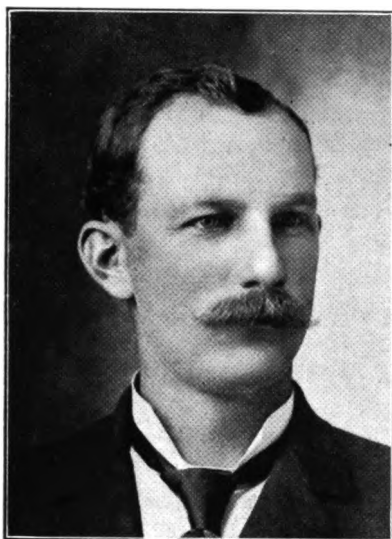
In 1876 Mr. Hawk was married to Miss Emma Wheeler, of Massachusetts Puritan descent, who has been a teacher in all the schools where her husband has been employed. They have no children, but they feel justly proud of a great family of boys and girls now bearing nobly their share of the world's burdens and responsibilities. It is honor enough to have been their teacher.

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#### WILLIAM J. SANDBERG.

During recent years native sons of Crawford county have been coming prominently to the front and among the number may be named William J. Sandberg, cashier of the Kiron State Bank. Born May 9, 1869, on section 12, Otter Creek township, on the farm where he has ever since lived, he is a son of John J. and Bengta Sandberg, both of whom were born in Sweden. The father was born September 25, 1831, and the mother December 21, 1832. They were married in their native country and came to America in June 1868, settling in Crawford county, Iowa, where Mr. Sandberg engaged in farming. He was a man of the strictest honor and integrity and deserved the success which he attained in his chosen calling. He died March 15, 1906, being then in his seventy-fifth year. His beloved wife is still living and has reached the venerable age of seventy-eight years.

William J. Sandberg received his early education in the district schools and later attended the Western Normal College at Shenandoah, Iowa, for five months, graduating from the commercial department of that institution March 21, 1889. After leaving school he worked on his father's farm until October, 1899, when he was elected cashier of a new bank at Kiron, which was started by the Boyer Valley Banking Company. On October 1, 1905, the bank was reorganized as the Kiron State Bank, Mr. Sandberg being one of the incorporators. He is also a member of the board of directors of this institution and has been cashier of the bank since its organization, discharging his duties with a fidelity that has met the hearty approval of all the officers and depositors. He has also served since January 1, 1903, as treasurer of the Kiron Telephone Company and as director and treasurer of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Association of Kiron since October 1, 1907. He has never been urgent in his claims



**W. J. SANDBERG**



for political positions, but his ability has received recognition from his friends and neighbors and he served for four years, from 1895 to 1898 inclusive, as assessor of his township, and also in 1893, 1894 and 1899 as township clerk, resigning from the latter position.

Mr. Sandberg has spent his entire life in Crawford county and few men in the county are better acquainted with its resources. He early became identified with agricultural pursuits, of which he has a thorough understanding. He is a good judge of farm values, a close reader of human nature and has acquired an established reputation as a safe and conservative financial manager, whose efforts are always directed toward the upbuilding of the community.

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#### A. F. WILKEN.

From the raw prairie A. F. Wilken has developed his farm in West Side township until it is one of the most valuable properties of the size to be found in this section of the county. He has also made many improvements by the erection of buildings and fences and the planting of trees. By the application of modern methods of farming and stock-raising he has been enabled to secure a handsome annual revenue. He was born in Holstein, Germany, March 29, 1852, a son of A. and Mary Wilken. The parents were both natives of Germany and spent their entire lives in the old country. There were four children in the family, Henry, Johannas and Caroline, all of whom are living in Germany; and A. F., the subject of this review. Henry, the eldest son, is a highly educated man and occupies a position as justice of the peace and county supervisor.

A. F. Wilken attended the public schools and received a good preliminary education, which he has greatly widened by reading and observation. He continued in his native land until he reached the age of twenty-seven years and then, having decided to seek larger opportunities, which he believed were to be found in the new world, he crossed the ocean to America, selecting Crawford county as his home. He devoted his attention closely to agriculture and stock-raising and now owns a farm of four hundred and forty-seven acres on section 3, West Side township. He planted an orchard, set out shade trees and made a highly attractive place, which is well worth the labor he has bestowed upon it. He specializes in raising and feeding cattle and hogs, feeding over two hundred head of cattle and three hundred head of hogs yearly, and in his business has met with the most gratifying success.

Mr. Wilken was married in Germany in 1879 to Miss Louise Eves and seven children were born to them: Hans, of Crawford county; Otto, who lives in West Side township; Agnes, the wife of Alfred Casperson, of Crawford county; Elsie, at home, who is a college graduate and is now engaged in teaching school; Henry, also at home; Emma, now attending college at Storm Lake; and Frank, who received a high-school education and is now at home.

Mr. Wilken devotes his attention mainly to his business, which is in a highly flourishing condition, but as a public-spirited citizen he attends to his

duties at the polls and casts his ballot for the republican party, with his opinion can be safely trusted to guide the republic through all the dangers which it may encounter. He is a good friend of education, as is shown by the excellent advantages possessed by his children, and a firm believer in the authority and inspiration of the Bible, he and his wife being earnest members of the Lutheran church.

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### EMIL SPECHT.

From a position as farm laborer to that of owner of two hundred and eighty acres of good land in Crawford county is a long step, yet it has been accomplished by Emil Specht, whose name stands at the head of this sketch. It required years of application and a liberal supply of good judgment to accomplish the object of his ambition, but all difficulties disappeared before his remarkable energy and he is now in the enjoyment of ease and abundance. He was born in Germany September 8, 1861, a son of Johann and Henrietta (Quiram) Specht, both of whom spent their entire lives in the old country. In their family were seven children: Gustave, who is now engaged in farming in Germany; Wilhelmina, deceased; William, who is also engaged in farming in Germany; Augusta, deceased; Frederick, a stationary engineer of Chicago, Illinois; Ludwig, deceased; and Emil, of this review.

Emil Specht received his early education in the public schools of his native land and as he grew to manhood learned the wagonmaker's trade. In 1882 he crossed the ocean to America and worked for a year with his uncle who owned a tobacco factory in Chicago. He then came to Crawford county and engaged in carpenter work for a year, after which he spent seven years upon a farm in the course of which he became well acquainted with farm management. He then bought eighty acres of unimproved land, which he began diligently to cultivate, and as opportunity presented he purchased more land until he now owns two hundred and eighty acres on sections 35 and 36, Charter Oak township. He has greatly improved the place by the erection of substantial buildings, fences, the setting out of trees and by drainage, so that he now has one of the attractive properties of the township which is each year increasing in value.

On the 11th of February, 1890, Mr. Specht was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Benningsdorf, who was born in Germany July 6, 1864. She came to America in 1883 with two of her sisters and her father arrived in this country in 1907, the mother having died in Germany. There were five children in their family: Louisa, who now lives in Howard county, Iowa; Minnie, of Crawford county; Fritz, of California; William, of Crawford county; and Caroline, now Mrs. Emil Specht. Six children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Specht: Emil A., who was born December 11, 1890, and is living at home; Annie A., born April 22, 1894; Ida C., April 10, 1896; Emma E., December 21, 1897; Meta, October 9, 1901; and George W., January 9, 1905.

The beloved wife and mother was called from earthly scenes in 1908, leaving not only her husband and children to mourn her death but many friends

whom s had attracted by her estimable qualities. She was a consistent member of the German Lutheran church as is her husband. He continues to reside at the homestead which is endeared to him by many recollections of one who was indeed a loving and helpful companion and is rearing his children to become useful citizens. Mr. Specht is an earnest friend of education and has served for six years as a member of the school board, never seeking or desiring any other public office as his principal interest is centered in his farm and his business.

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### E. E. McELWAIN.

E. E. McElwain comes of good stock, as is shown in the history of the family on both sides of the house, and in his battle with the world, although now only thirty-three years of age, he has most creditably acquitted himself. He was born in Oakland, Iowa, May 5, 1878, son of Myron L. and Lydia M. (Muns) McElwain. The father was born in Michigan, May 25, 1843, and accompanied his parents on their removal to Wisconsin, locating near Lancaster, where Myron L. McElwain lived until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the Iron Brigade under General George B. McClellan. In a night action he had his leg broken, the bone protruding through the flesh, which wound made him a cripple for life. He served for two years and after leaving the army spent two years at his old home in Wisconsin and then removed to Minnesota. Two years later he came to Iowa and lived in Pottawattamie county until 1881, when he located in Willow township, Crawford county. For ten years past he and his wife have resided at Denison. He is a veterinarian and has engaged in that profession ever since early manhood. Marshall McElwain, a brother of Myron L. McElwain, also served in the Union army during the Civil war. He was wounded and died near St. Louis, Missouri. Another brother, Marcus, was a soldier during the latter part of the war and passed through uninjured. Our subject's great-grandfather fought during the entire period of the American Revolution. On his mother's side three brothers fought under the stars and stripes. Henry Muns enlisted at the age of sixteen and was killed at the battle of Atlanta.

There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Myron L. McElwain, namely: Jay B., who is now editor of the Moorehead Times, of Moorehead, Iowa; Ed R., who is engaged in the elevator business at Blencoe, Iowa; Bert M. and A. L., who live at Kenwood, Iowa; E. E., of this review; Arthur, of Moorehead; Ora, of Charter Oak; Emma; and Laura, who is engaged in the millinery business at Denison. Edward R. McElwain served for five years in the regular army of the United States in various parts of the country and participated in the Sioux Indian war in the Black Hills, being twice shot through the body. His recovery appeared almost miraculous.

E. E. McElwain was educated in the public schools of Willow township and the graded school at Charter Oak, later attending college at Denison. He remained at home until twenty-two years of age and then began farming on

rented land in Willow township. He conducted his business to such good advantage that after eight years he was able to purchase land and now owns three hundred and twenty acres, which he has transformed into productive fields. He is a feeder of stock and also an extensive raiser of thoroughbred Hampshire hogs, and the interest and ability he has shown in the various departments of his work have resulted in marked success financially.

In 1903 Mr. McElwain was united in marriage to Miss Clarissa Haworth, a native of Crawford county, and they have three children, namely: Myron, Loa and Vernon. Politically, Mr. McElwain gives his allegiance to the republican party and although he has never aspired to the honors of public life he has held several township offices. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in his various relations with others he has always aimed to be just and fair, performing his duties conscientiously and ever mindful of the welfare of the community. He clearly deserves the reputation he has achieved as a progressive and public-spirited citizen.

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#### PETER T. BRUHN.

Coming to America at the age of sixteen, Peter T. Bruhn has taken advantage of the opportunities presented in this great republic and is the owner of one of the valuable farms of Crawford county, which insures for himself and his family a liberal annual income. He is a native of Germany, born November 4, 1866, a son of Peter C. D. and Anna M. (Jacobs) Bruhn, both of whom passed their entire lives in the old country. The mother died in 1888 and the father was called away nine years later. They were the parents of six children: William, who is still living in Germany; Katrina, who married Ivor Neilsen, of Crawford county, and died in 1892; Herman, who died in Germany; Frederica, the wife of H. P. Jensen, of Crawford county; Peter T., of this review; and August, also deceased.

Peter T. Bruhn arrived in America in 1883, coming direct to Crawford county, Iowa, where he began his quest of fortune by working as a farm laborer. He continued in this occupation for five years and then secured employment in a feed barn at Denison. After two years he engaged in the liquor business in this city and four years later became proprietor of a billiard hall, which he conducted for one year. Having acquired sufficient capital, he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 32, Soldier township, and applied himself so industriously to his work that he is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres. He raises enough stock to consume all the crops yielded on his farm and each year witnesses an increase in his prosperity.

On the 21st of November, 1891, Mr. Bruhn was united in marriage to Miss Mary Fick, who was born in Germany, August 20, 1871, a daughter of Carl and Louisa (Borchard) Fick, the former of whom died in Germany in 1892. There were twelve children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Fick, seven of whom survive, namely: Herman, now living in Germany; Otto, of Monona county, Iowa; Mary, now Mrs. Peter T. Bruhn; Adelina, the wife of Emil Schmidt, of

Monona county; Carl, of South Dakota; Annie, now Mrs. John Nemitz, of South Dakota; and Frederick, of Crawford county. The mother of these children came to America in 1895, three years after the death of her husband, and has since made her home with her children.

Ten children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bruhn: Minnie M., who was born May 30, 1892; Bertha L., born July 23, 1894; Rudolph H., born September 19, 1895; Herbert O., born July 30, 1897; Leo A., born November 3, 1899; Walter A., born February 2, 1902; Louis H., born October 9, 1904; Hilda C., born March 3, 1907; Erwin H., born May 16, 1909; and Raymond J., born February 2, 1911. All of the children are living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Bruhn have a remarkably interesting family and are rearing their children under kindly influences which are so important in the development of a worthy character.

The life of Mr. Bruhn is a striking illustration of the advantages available in the United States to ambitious young men who are actuated by honorable motives, thus representing the best citizenship of the republic. He and his estimable wife are members of the German Lutheran church and are rearing their children as believers in Christianity and as earnest members of the church.

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### JOHANNES EGGERT.

Johannes Eggert, who is engaged in farming in Hanover township, is prominent among the young and enterprising agriculturists of Crawford county. He is a native of this county, born August 24, 1887, and is a son of Adolph and Alvina (Ruberg) Eggert. The father was born in Germany and the mother in Clinton county, Iowa. They were married in Crawford county and Mr. Eggert began farming on rented land, later purchasing one hundred and twenty acres. After five years he sold that farm and bought two hundred acres in Hanover township, which became the family homestead and has been developed into one of the valuable farms of the locality. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Eggert, namely: Johannes, the subject of this review; Henry, who died at the age of two years; and Willie and Fred, both of whom are at home.

Johannes Eggert was reared under the parental roof and attended the district schools, receiving the rudiments of an education which he has now developed by reading and observation. Under his father he became thoroughly acquainted with farm work and he remained at home until 1910, when he began renting land on his own account, being now in charge of one hundred and forty acres, which under his management is highly productive.

On the 23d of March, 1910, Mr. Eggert was united in marriage to Miss Christina Hildebrandt, who was born in Chicago, June 1, 1887, a daughter of John and Sophia (Tegen) Hildebrandt. The parents were both born in Germany and were married in their native land. They came to America and lived in Chicago for twenty years. Mr. Hildebrandt worked on a railroad and then rented a farm for sixteen years, at the end of which time he purchased the place now occupied by the subject of this review. In 1910 he removed to his



present beautiful home in Denison. There were five children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrandt, namely: Mary, now the wife of Hans Fierem, of Crawford county; Emma, the wife of Gustave Detlefsen, also of Crawford county; Anna, now Mrs. Ernest Moeller, of Chicago; Rosa, the wife of Emil Jaacks, of Crawford county; and Christina, now Mrs. Johannes Eggert.

Mr. and Mrs. Eggert are stanch believers in the authority and inspiration of the Bible and are earnest members of the German Lutheran church. He has possessed all the advantages of education and training necessary for a successful start in a business career and his friends confidently prophesy for him an honorable and useful life.

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### ISAAC PATTERSON.

Although he is now in his seventy-fourth year, Isaac Patterson of West Side township, continues with interest unabated as a farmer, to which he has devoted the energies of a long and useful life. For over forty years he has been engaged in agriculture and stock-raising in Crawford county and he is now the owner of one of the large and valuable properties of this section. He was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1837, a son of Thomas M. and Margaret (Large) Patterson. The father was a native of Ireland and came to America at five years of age with his parents. The family lived for a number of years in Pittsburg, moving to Scott county, Iowa, in 1851, where the father died fourteen years later. The mother passed away in Crawford county in 1896 at the advanced age of ninety-two years. They were the parents of six children, the subject of this review being the only survivor.

Isaac Patterson arrived in Iowa with his parents at the age of fourteen. He was educated in the public schools and assisted his father upon the home farm until after the outbreak of the Civil war. In 1862, in response to the call for men to assist in upholding the stars and stripes, he enlisted in Company D, Twentieth Iowa Infantry, and was sent to the front, participating in the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, the siege of Vicksburg, and the battles at Fort Morgan and Fort Blakely and Mobile, Alabama, also taking part in many engagements of less importance. He always responded to the call of duty and proved true and faithful to the noble cause which he espoused. After being honorably discharged and mustered out at Mobile, Alabama, at the close of the war he returned to Scott county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming. In 1868 he came to Crawford county and purchased land, which he cultivated so industriously that he is now the owner of nine hundred and sixty acres on sections 12 and 11, West Side township. He has engaged in general farming upon a large scale, also handling and feeding cattle and hogs. As he made a careful study of his business and his early training was thorough and comprehensive he has been more than usually successful in his efforts and ranks as one of the leading men of the county.

In 1868 Mr. Patterson was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Shepler, a native of Pittsburg, and by this union two children were born: Josephine and

Samuel L., both of whom are deceased, the latter passing away in 1893. The mother of these children died in 1876. In February, 1911, Mr. Patterson was married to Mrs. Maud Haight, who was born in Woodbury county, Iowa, a daughter of George and Margaret Haight. Her father was a native of Illinois and the mother of Iowa. They located in Woodbury county early in the '50s. The mother is now deceased and the father is living in Colorado.

Politically Mr. Patterson has ever since arriving at his maturity given his support to the republican party. He has never sought the honors of public office but served most acceptably as road supervisor. As a soldier of the Civil war he is a valued member of the Grand Army post at Carroll. He has always made use of honorable business methods and the prosperity he has achieved is the result of an industry and application which seldom fail to produce good returns. He has gained many friends by his kindly manner, his business ability and those qualities of mind and heart which the world over marks the true gentleman.

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### JOHN BROGAN.

John Brogan, who for nearly a third of a century has been conspicuous as one of the leading agriculturists of Crawford county, is a native of Ireland, where his birth occurred June 24, 1824, being one of three children born to William and Ann (Coiel) Brogan. The other two, Bridget and Francis, are deceased, the latter having died in Kansas. John Brogan remained in the land of his nativity until attaining his majority and in 1845 emigrated to the United States, first locating in Pennsylvania, where he remained for about five years. He then moved to Clinton county, Iowa, and there took up a quarter section of land, the site of which is now occupied by the city of Lyons, where he continued to reside for the ensuing twenty-five years.

In 1875 Mr. Brogan came to Crawford county and bought two hundred and forty acres of land on sections 6, 7 and 8, Jackson township, to which he added from time to time until his holdings now aggregate four hundred and forty acres of cultivated farm land, upon which he has made all modern improvements, including residences, outbuildings and fences. Here he carries on general farming but makes a specialty of shorthorn cattle, which he buys and ships on an extensive scale.

On February 9, 1849, Mr. Brogan was married to Miss Jane McClosky, a daughter of John and Ann (McLaughlin) McClosky, both of whom were natives of Ireland, where they spent their entire lives. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brogan have been born eleven children, of whom the following eight survive: Andrew and Thomas, who reside in Crawford county; Edward, who lives in Sac county; William, a resident of Nebraska; and Frank, James, Mary and Lizzie, who are living at home. The three deceased are Rosanna, Sarah and one who died unnamed.

In politics Mr. Brogan has always given his support to the democratic party and has at different times been called upon to hold various township offices. In

religion he is a faithful member of the Catholic church. Today, after having passed the eighty-seventh milestone on his life journey, he is enjoying the aftermath of his early endeavors in the possession of a fine farm where he has all the comforts and some of the luxuries of life.

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### J. HENRY JOCHIMSEN.

Germany has probably contributed more citizens to the United States, who have been actively identified with the agricultural development of the country than any other nation in Europe. Among the worthy and enterprising farmers of Crawford county who are natives of the fatherland is J. Henry Jochimsen, whose birth occurred in the province of Schleswig-Holstein on the 30th of March, 1866. He is a son of Claus and Anna (Ratje) Jochimsen, his paternal grandfather being Thomas Jochimsen. The parents emigrated to the United States in 1878, taking passage at Hamburg for New York, their destination being Davenport, Iowa, in which city they arrived on the 1st of June, 1878. They removed to Denison the next year but after residing there for three weeks rented a farm in East Boyer township, upon which they settled. Four years later they purchased it and for sixteen years it remained the family homestead, it being now owned by Jacob Hessman, however. Mr. Jochimsen engaged in its cultivation until 1887, at which time he rented the land to his sons but continued to reside there until his demise in 1903. He had survived his wife nine years, her death having occurred in 1894. She was laid to rest in the cemetery of Nishnabotny, where her husband is also interred.

J. Henry Jochimsen was a lad of twelve years when his parents emigrated to the United States, so his education was largely acquired in the common schools of his native land but was supplemented later by a course in the public schools of Davenport. He remained at home, assisting his father in the cultivation of the farm, until he had attained his majority, at which time he and his brother, who was six years his senior, rented the land from their father. This arrangement lasted for six years at the expiration of which period Mr. Jochimsen removed to Hayes township, where he rented land for three years, subsequently buying one hundred and sixty acres on section 19, Nishnabotny township. He has made all of the improvements upon the place during his occupancy, having erected a fine residence and outbuildings as well as having planted groves. In 1907 he purchased eighty acres adjoining him on the north and he also owns one hundred and twenty acres opposite on the south, making the aggregate of his holdings three hundred and sixty acres. He follows general farming and stock-raising and is also an extensive feeder. Capable supervision, keen judgment and untiring application have been the secret of the success which has attended the efforts of Mr. Jochimsen, who in every sense of the word is a self-made man, having attained the position he occupies today through his own unaided efforts.

On the 4th of March, 1893, he was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Emma Niemeier, a native of Germany, from which country she emigrated

to the United States with her parents when a child of three years. In 1873, immediately following their arrival in this country, they located in Vitland, Scott county, Iowa, where they resided for a short time and then removed to Dixon, coming from there to Crawford county. They settled upon a farm on section 32, Otter Creek township, which they cultivated until they retired to Manilla, where they both passed away. Seven children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Jochimsen: Freda Emma, Claus, Herman T., Louie H., Lillie C., John P. and Edwin.

The family hold membership in the Lutheran church, while politically Mr. Jochimsen now gives his support to the candidates of the republican party, but prior to Bryan's first campaign he voted the democratic ticket. Although he takes an active interest in public affairs he has never served in an official capacity but twice—once as school director and also as road supervisor for three years. By means of energy and determination Mr. Jochimsen has attained a position which classes him as one of the representative and substantial farmers of the county, whose success is wholly and justly merited.

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#### J. G. NELSON.

Many of the most successful and respected citizens of Iowa came from Sweden and in this state have gained a position of financial prosperity which would have been practically impossible of attainment under the fixed conditions of the old country. Among this number is J. G. Nelson, who owns one hundred and twenty acres of good land in Willow township, which under his excellent care has become highly valuable. He was born in Botelsater, Wurmland county, Sweden, September 25, 1859, a son of Nels and Sarah (Kajsa) Johnson, both natives of Sweden. The father was a farmer and continued at his old home until his death, which occurred in 1887. Soon afterward the mother came to America and she has since resided with the subject of this review, having now reached the venerable age of eighty-two years. She is the mother of four children: Mary, now Mrs. Carlson, of Sweden; J. G., of this review; Hannah, the wife of August Arenson, of Willow township, Crawford county; and Carl A., who lives in Sioux City, Iowa.

J. G. Nelson was educated in the common schools of his native land and worked on the home farm until after reaching manhood. In 1884 he bade farewell to his relatives and friends and embarked at Gutenberg for the United States, landing at Castle Garden, New York. He came direct to Iowa and located in Crawford county, working in Willow township for three years. He then rented land for three years after which, having by economy and good management accumulated sufficient capital, he purchased one hundred and twenty acres on section 17, Willow township, which he has since brought to a high state of cultivation. He has erected a complete set of farm buildings and raises a good grade of stock, which he places upon the market in prime condition. A self-made man, he has become through his well directed efforts one of the most prominent factors in the community.

In 1889 Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Swanson, who was born in Sweden and arrived in the United States in 1888. Their union has been blessed by the birth of eight children, Alben, Arthur, Robert, Mary, Alma, Gustave, David and Elsie, all of whom are living at home.

Ever since he cast his first ballot in this country Mr. Nelson has given his allegiance to the republican party and is in thorough sympathy with its principles. Three years ago he was elected township trustee and was again elected to that office. He has served as a member of the school board and is connected with the Free Mission church. Coming to this country as a young man whose only fortune was in his own strong arms and an unalterable ambition to attain a worthy place in life, he worked his way from the bottom of the ladder and won recognition through the power of industry and application that seldom fails to lead to deserved success. He is well entitled to the credit he receives as one of the most successful farmers of this section and also as one of the most honored men of the community.

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#### HANS D. BAETH.

Among the worthy citizens which Germany has contributed to Crawford county must be mentioned Hans D. Baeth, whose landed interests now aggregate two hundred and forty acres. A son of Reimer and Weibkie (Hansen) Baeth, his birth occurred on the 12th of February, 1855. The family emigrated to the United States in 1872, first locating upon a farm in Cook county, Illinois, which they cultivated for eleven years. At the end of that period they removed to Crawford county, Iowa, settling upon a farm in Otter Creek township, in the cultivation of which the father engaged during the remainder of his active years, but now at the age of seventy-nine he makes his home with his son Hans D. The mother passed away in 1903 at the age of sixty-eight.

Hans D. Baeth acquired his education in the common schools of the fatherland. After his arrival in the United States he learned the trade of a mason, which he followed until 1895, since which time he has devoted his entire attention to the cultivation of his large farm. Possessing the thrifty nature which characterizes his nationality, while pursuing his trade he acquired the means to buy eighty acres of land, in the cultivation of which he immediately engaged. Still continuing at his trade he added to his original tract at different times until he now owns two hundred and forty acres of land, upon which he has made all of the improvements himself. Here he engages in general farming and stock-raising, the greater portion of his time and attention being devoted to the latter, in the breed of which he takes great pride. He gives his personal attention to the sale and shipping of his stock, which has probably proven to be the most lucrative of his ventures. Mr. Baeth started out in life with a definite purpose, which he early realized could be attained only by strict adherence to carefully executed plans, and thus he has always conserved his energy for the accomplishment of his well directed effort.

Twice married, Mr. Baeth's first union was with Miss Catherine Peterson, and unto them seven children were born: Henry, George, Amanda, the wife of Ernest Johnson, and Hans, all of whom reside in Montana; William, deceased; Niena, the wife of Charles Miller, of Crawford county; and Catherine, the wife of Henry Nicholson, of Cook county, Illinois. For his second wife Mr. Baeth chose Miss Mary Whetholm, a daughter of John and Jung Whetholm, of Germany, both deceased. They have become the parents of the following children: Emma, John, Charles, Robert, Helen, Louis, Peter and Harvey, all of whom are still at home.

The family affiliate with the Lutheran church and fraternally Mr. Baeth holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Sons of Herman. A public-spirited man, he takes an active and helpful interest in civic affairs. His political ideas coincide with those of the democratic party, whose candidates always receive his ballot. That he stands well in the opinion of his fellowmen is evidenced by the fact that for nine years he has held the office of township trustee, while he is now serving his second term as county supervisor.

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#### SILAS THOMPSON.

The agricultural abilities of Silas Thompson are directed toward the cultivation of a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Nishnabotny township. He was born about thirteen miles northwest of Davenport, Scott county, Iowa, on the 25th of July, 1852, and is a son of the late Montgomery and Rachel (Lease) Thompson. The Thompsons are of Scotch extraction, the great-great-grandfather having emigrated from Scotland to the United States during colonial days, locating in Pennsylvania. Montgomery Thompson was a native of the Keystone state, his birth having occurred in Thompsontown, whence he made his way westward by way of the Ohio river. His wanderings finally brought him to the lead mines in the vicinity of Dubuque, Iowa, where he was employed until 1840, at which time he entered land in Scott county, where he was one of the pioneer settlers. He continued to reside there until 1872 or 1873, then removed to Davenport, thence to Kansas and later to the east. His wife, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, migrated from there to Scott county, Iowa, where they were married in 1849. Four children were born to them: A. C., who is a farmer of Marshalltown, Iowa; Silas, our subject; Robert H., a resident of Nishnabotny township; and Victoria J., the wife of T. J. Campbell. The father was again married and by this union there were two children: Montgomery C., a resident of Burlington Junction, Missouri; and Harriet May, the wife of A. M. Collins, of Riverside, California. Mrs. Rachel Thompson passed away in Scott county on the 28th of July, 1865, and was laid to rest in Allen's Grove cemetery. Her husband survived until 1901, his demise occurring in Crawford county and his interment being at Manilla.

Silas Thompson acquired his education in the little log school house of the district where he was reared in Scott county, remaining a member of his

father's household until he had attained his eighteenth year, at which time he removed to Crawford county, making his home with his brother for three years. He has ever since continued to reside here and now owns one hundred and twenty acres of land, which at the time he acquired it was unbroken prairie. His is one of the good farms of the county, the land being under a high state of cultivation, while the improvements are all good and substantial, the residence being the second he has erected during his occupancy.

On the 6th of January, 1877, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Esther A. Mowry, of Clinton, Iowa, and they have become the parents of three living children: Grace Eleanor, the wife of O. A. Logue, of Martinsville, Illinois; Dawn Ethel, the wife of W. C. Goodnough, of Centralia, Washington; and H. S., who is at home.

The family affiliate with the Methodist Episcopal church, and politically Mr. Thompson is an ardent republican. He takes an active interest in local affairs and has served his constituency in both the capacity of trustee and school director. He is one of the well regarded men of the community in which he lives, his worth having been thoroughly tested during a residence which covers a period of more than forty years.

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#### ALBERT VERNON.

Success in farming as in other legitimate lines of business requires industry, patience and sound judgment, and the individual who will apply these three principles with due discrimination generally forges to the front. In any event, Albert Vernon won a beautiful farm of five hundred acres through his own labor and perseverance and it stands today in Stockholm township, Crawford county, as an enduring monument to his ability.

He is a native of Jones county, Iowa, born May 5, 1862, a son of Edward and Bridget (Flaherty) Vernon. The father was born in England and the mother in Ireland. They came to America and after staying in Pennsylvania about two years, traveled westward to St. Louis, where they spent another period of two years; then they came to Jones county, Iowa, where Mr. Vernon took up a homestead. In 1881 he removed to Crawford county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Stockholm township, where he continued until his death, which occurred March 15, 1894, he being then about seventy years of age. The mother was called away at the age of eighty, in October, 1904. There were five children in their family, namely: Mary, who died in infancy; David, of Oklahoma; Ellen, the wife of Patrick Keeney, of Vail, Iowa; and Albert and Alice, twins, the former the subject of this review and the latter now the wife of James Aldridge, of South Dakota.

Albert Vernon was reared upon his father's farm in Jones county and acquired his education in the district schools. At twenty-one years of age he began for himself by buying eighty acres and as the years passed he increased his land holdings until today he owns about five hundred acres on sections 34, 27 and 28, Stockholm township. He carries on general farming and stock-

raising upon an extensive scale. When he bought the land there were few improvements and he has transformed the place, making it one of the most valued and attractive farms in his part of the county. His success has been a great encouragement to many young men starting in life like himself upon their own resources. Mr. Vernon deserves credit for what he has accomplished.

On the 25th of February, 1895, Mr. Vernon was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Hill, a daughter of Michael and Margaret (Brady) Hill, both of whom were born on the Emerald isle. The father is deceased, but the mother is now living at Vail. To them were born thirteen children, namely: John and Frank, both deceased; Michael, of South Dakota; Catherine, the wife of Benjamin Finnerty, of Omaha, Nebraska; James, of Vail; Mary Ann, now Mrs. William De Vine, of Oklahoma; Margaret, now Mrs. Albert Vernon; Susan, the wife of M. J. Kane, of Vail; Bernard, a resident of Vail; John, Ella and Sarah, all of whom are deceased; and William, of Boyer, Iowa. Two children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon: Edward Francis, who was born December 22, 1896; and James, who died at the age of eight years.

Mr. Vernon has never turned aside from his chosen vocation to seek political honors but he has served in minor township offices to the general acceptance of the people. He votes for the principles and candidates of the republican party and keeps well informed as to the progress of events and therefore casts an intelligent ballot. He was reared in the faith of the Catholic church and has never departed from its teachings, being a liberal contributor to its charities. In all matters pertaining to the township and county he is interested and aims to perform his duty in forwarding to the extent of his ability every good work.

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#### WILLIAM WALLACE FERGUSON.

The city of Denison is fortunate in numbering among its citizens a photographer of rare merit whose reputation is not confined to the limits of Crawford county or the state of Iowa. By the common consent of brother artists, William Wallace Ferguson is acknowledged to be one of the leaders in the vocation in Iowa and the beautiful work tastefully displayed in his studio is proof that the statement is true.

He was born at Clinton, Iowa, March 28, 1876, a son of William and Elizabeth (Lodge) Ferguson, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of England. The father was reared in the town of Dunfermlin and came to America immediately after the Civil war and opened a studio at Elgin, Illinois. Subsequently he removed to Clinton, Iowa, where he has for many years been in charge of a flourishing photograph business. He is a member of the Presbyterian church but his wife is an Episcopalian. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Scotland, and the maternal grandfather a railroad man of England. There were five children in the family of William and Elizabeth Ferguson, namely: George, now of Chicago; Ella, who married Frank Dauterman and is now deceased; William Wallace, the subject of this review; Robert Bruce, of Reinbeck, Iowa; and Marion E., of Clinton.



William W. Ferguson was reared at Clinton and received his preliminary education in the public schools there. After leaving school he entered his father's studio and learned photography, afterward opening a studio at Preston, Iowa, where he continued for a short time, then moving to Chicago. There he engaged in the same line of business and also spent four years as a photographer at Reinbeck, Iowa. In 1901 he located at Denison and soon became recognized as one of the leading photographers in this part of the state. He is a conscientious student of his art and being a tireless worker is never satisfied with mediocrity, always aiming at perfection. He understands thoroughly the technical part of the business and his artistic talents find expression in work which meets the cordial approval of the best class of patrons. Professionally he belongs to the Photographers Association of America, the Iowa Club, an exclusive society of the leading photographers of the state, and the Iowa Photographers Association. The esteem in which he is held by his brother photographers is indicated by the fact that in 1908 he served as president of the state association.

On the 3d of May, 1898, Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage to Miss Minnie May Mudgett, a native of Comanche, Iowa, and a daughter of Philip and Mary (Mitchell) Mudgett. The father was born in New York state and the mother in Illinois. They were married in Illinois and subsequently moved to Iowa, being now residents of Clinton. Of their children, four are living, namely: William J.; Minnie, now Mrs. William W. Ferguson; Edith, the wife of Frank Mullin; and Grace, of Clinton.

Mrs. Ferguson is a member of the Episcopal church and also of the Daughters of the American Revolution, being eligible to this organization from both sides of the house. Mr. Ferguson is a thirty-second degree Mason and belongs to Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., of Denison; Des Moines Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Za-Ga-Zig Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a valued member of Dowdall Lodge, No. 90, K. P. Politically he gives his support to the republican party. His success in his chosen calling is due to natural ability, early training and also to close application, without which the highest talents in this age of constant advancement would be unavailing. He is a man of pleasing personality and has a host of friends in Crawford and adjoining counties.

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#### GEORGE S. WATERHOUSE, M. D.

As a physician and surgeon of prominence and one who has attained high proficiency in his profession, Dr. George S. Waterhouse possesses the confidence and high esteem of all with whom he comes in contact in Charter Oak and vicinity. He was born in Dubuque, Iowa, January 9, 1870, one of nine children in the family of George and Mary (Armstrong) Waterhouse, the other surviving members being as follows: William H., of Oakland, California; D. A., of Charter Oak, Iowa; Alice, now Mrs. Charles Freeman, of Farley, Iowa; Joseph E., of Greeley, Colorado; J. E., of Lansing, Iowa; and Madge, at home with her mother in Farley, Iowa.

The father was born in London, England, in 1841, and came to this country in 1856, locating in Dubuque, Iowa, where he established a mercantile business in which he continued for five years. Deciding to engage in farming he disposed of his business interests and purchased a one hundred and sixty acre farm but later sold this and bought two hundred and sixty acres of better land, where he followed general farming, stock-raising and dairying. He was possessed of natural musical talent and had great abilities in that direction. In religion he was a faithful adherent of the Presbyterian church until his death, June 14, 1909. His wife was born in the north of Ireland and in 1853, when still a young girl, located in Dubuque county, Iowa, with her parents, who followed the pursuit of agriculture. In 1865 she was married to Mr. Waterhouse, whom she survives, and now makes her home at Farley, Iowa. The paternal grandparents of our subject were natives of London, England, whence they emigrated to the United States and located in Dubuque, where they both died. On this side of the family he also had one uncle and one aunt, who is now living in Denver, Colorado. The uncle enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war and died while in service. On the maternal side the grandparents came from the north of Ireland and located in Iowa, where they also died. They were of the Presbyterian faith. Two uncles and two aunts on this side of the family are now living in Dubuque county, Iowa.

George S. Waterhouse attended the district and town schools and then, having determined to adopt a professional career as his life work, he began the study of medicine in the State University at Iowa City and was graduated in the class of 1895. After receiving his diploma he practiced medicine for a period of six months at Dunlap, Iowa, and then removed to Charter Oak, where he located October 1, 1895. Like many other young men in professional life who have their own way to carve in the world, his beginning was a small one, but being possessed of an energetic nature and undaunted spirit, he persevered with unfaltering courage and by paying close attention to his work has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice.

Dr. Waterhouse was married July 2, 1895, to Miss Emma Dickinsen, of Clinton, Iowa, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stroud. Her parents died during her infancy and she was adopted by her grandparents, who gave her their name. They were natives of New York state, eventually coming to Iowa, and the town of Dickson bears the family name, having been established by the grandfather, who was one of the pioneers of the state. He arrived here in the early '40s before any railroads had been built. In 1849, during the gold fever, he and his wife went to California to seek their fortune, their method of transportation being by means of a wagon drawn by oxen. This was considered a very dangerous journey at that time on account of the hostile Indians who infested the western plains. However, they had no mishap and in 1851 returned to Clinton county, Iowa, where he became an extensive owner of wild lands and improved real estate. In politics he at first joined the whig party, but later became a republican and was a strong advocate of the prohibition. He was a man of prominence in local circles and acquired considerable wealth and influence. Mrs. Emily Dickinsen is today, at the ripe age of eighty years, enjoying good health and spends her time visiting her children, who live in several states. To

Dr. and Mrs. Waterhouse three children were born, of whom one, Lucile M., survives.

The political preference of Dr. Waterhouse is with the republican party and he has always been an active participant in any public-spirited movement, in recognition of which he was elected mayor of Charter Oak, an office he filled for two terms with honor and distinction to himself, bringing to his duties a high degree of efficiency and executive ability and leaving a record that is a credit to his party and to the town. He is a popular member of Live Oak Lodge, No. 543, A. F. & A. M., and in the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Woodmen of the World and the Modern Woodmen of America insurance orders. In the few years that he has devoted to his profession Dr. Waterhouse has demonstrated his thorough understanding of its demands, which call not only for scientific knowledge but a certain degree of personal sacrifice in performing the humane offices of this calling and he has never been found wanting when answering the needs of those who require his services.

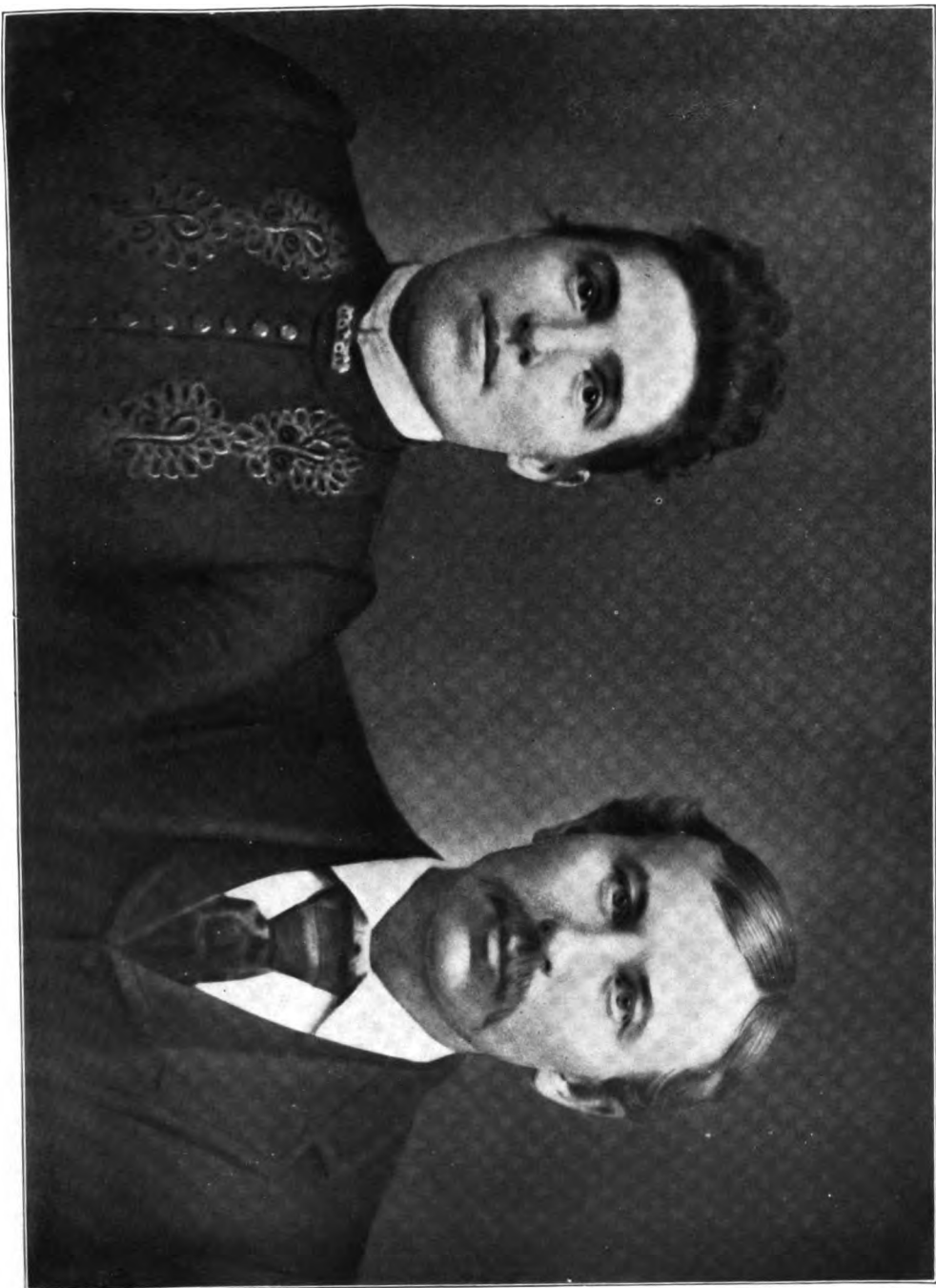
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#### FRITZ SCHOENFELD.

Thrift and perseverance have been essential features in the career of Fritz Schoenfeld and the result is to be seen in a farm of nine hundred and seventy-seven acres which he has accumulated by his remarkable business ability during the last twenty years. He is one of the prominent landowners of the county and is also at the head of a large and promising family. Born in Germany, April 9, 1860, he is the son of P. H. and Anna K. (Arps) Schoenfeld, both of whom were natives of Germany. The mother died on June 15, 1906, but the father is still living in the old country and has reached the advanced age of eighty-nine years. There were three children in their family: Heinrich and Caroline, both of whom are living in Germany; and Fritz, of this review.

Fritz Schoenfeld attended the public schools of his native land and continued in Germany until he reached the age of twenty-nine years. In 1889 he started out in quest of fortune, crossing the ocean to the United States and selecting Crawford county, Iowa, as his field of operation. At that time he was not greatly blessed with this world's goods but he possessed a stout heart and two strong arms, which are often more valuable to their owner than a large allotment of money. He worked for two years by the month and was then married and began farming on his own account in Hanover township. After seven years, having acquired sufficient capital, he removed to Soldier township and bought six hundred and sixty-six acres on sections 8, 16 and 17, establishing his residence on section 8. He prospered greatly and has increased his landed possessions until he is one of the large landowners of his part of the county. He not only cultivates the soil on an extensive scale but he is a large feeder of stock, using his entire crops to good advantage in this way. Everything about his place indicates careful management and liberal financial returns.

On the 24th of September, 1890, Mr. Schoenfeld was married to Mrs. Cecelia Prokosch, who was born in Germany in 1859 and is a daughter of Michael



MR. AND MRS. FRITZ SCHIÖENFELD



and Therese (Pfister) Geimer, both of whom are now deceased, the father passing away in 1885 and the mother in 1910. They spent their entire lives in the old country. There were eight children in their family: Agatha, now living in Wisconsin; Anna, of Germany; Stephen, who died in Germany; Cecelia, now Mrs. Fritz Schoenfeld; Sebastian, of Oregon; Paulina and Constantine, both of Germany; and Bernhard, who is also deceased. Mrs. Schoenfeld has been three times married. Her first husband was George Stroback, to whom she was married April 14, 1884. He died two years later, leaving two children, Mary and George, both of whom are deceased. She was married in November, 1887, to Joseph Prokosch, who died in 1889, and there were two children born of this union: Joseph, who is living at home; and Henry, deceased. Ten children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schoenfeld, six of whom are now living, namely: Bertha, who was born July 6, 1894; Emma, born January 24, 1896; Alma, born December 25, 1897; Herbert, born March 10, 1899; Arthur, born April 16, 1901; and Fritz, born June 3, 1905.

Mr. Schoenfeld and his family are members of the German Lutheran church. He has exemplified in a striking degree the possibilities that are to be found in the productive soil of Crawford county provided the latent energies are awakened by one who knows how to direct them to the best advantage. That he thoroughly understands his vocation as a farmer is readily acknowledged and in business foresight he has few superiors in the county. In earlier years he practiced economy and unwearied industry but if he desires to do so he can now relax his efforts as he is abundantly blessed financially. On account of his honorable dealings and progressive spirit he is esteemed as a most worthy and useful citizen.

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#### WILLIAM F. KAHL.

It is through his indefatigable energy and perseverance that William F. Kahl acquired the valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres which he owns in Crawford county. It required years of application but he never faltered and today he is the happy possessor of a place which is yielding every year an increasing revenue. He was born in Germany, August 4, 1875, a son of Christ and Christina (Koch) Kahl. The father was born May 15, 1846, and the mother October 15, 1845. They were married in the old country and came to America in 1891, stopping at Shelby county, Iowa, for a short time, after which they removed to Crawford county, where Mr. Kahl has engaged successfully in farming. He is now sixty-five years of age and his wife is a little less than one year his senior. To them nine children were born, namely: August, of Crawford county, Iowa; Elizabeth, deceased; Annie, wife of John McCeaghan, of Harrison county, Iowa; William F., the subject of this review; Bertha, now Mrs. Fred Kahl, of Crawford county; Minnie, the wife of William Watje, of California; Dora, now Mrs. Henry Mundt, of Crawford county; Guste, the wife of William Warren, also of Crawford county; and Sophia, who died in Germany.

William F. Kahl was reared until fifteen years of age in his native land and received his education in the common schools. On March 11, 1890, he landed in

America and for the next eight years devoted his energies to working upon a farm. He then operated rented land until 1910, when he purchased one hundred and twenty acres on section 34, Hanover township, which he is developing into one of the highly productive farms of the county.

On the 14th of December, 1900, Mr. Kahl was united in marriage to Miss Dora Schneider, who was born in Germany, January 28, 1883. She came to this country with her parents, arriving March 15, 1896. The family settled on a farm in Crawford county, where the parents are now living, having retired from active labor in 1906. The father is sixty-five years of age and the mother four years his senior. They were the parents of six children, namely: William H., of Crawford county; Mary, now the wife of August Lochmiller, of Crawford county; Maggie, now Mrs. Fred Mundt, of California; John C., of Langford, North Dakota; Dora, now Mrs. William F. Kahl; and Catharina, the wife of Herman Finn, of Crawford county. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Kahl has been brightened by the birth of two children: Walter C., who was born September 12, 1901; and Albert William, who was born September 7, 1903, and died December 21, 1903.

Mr. Kahl early learned the great lessons of self-denial and willingness to labor and under the genial skies of Iowa he has realized many of his fondest expectations. His wife has been to him a true assistant and a constant inspiration, and while he labors in the fields she performs her part in the house, setting an example of fidelity to duty well worthy of imitation. They have many friends and their home is one of the welcome gathering places in the township.

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#### CLAUS MINSTER.

Claus Minster, who owns a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Charter Oak township, is a native of Iowa, born in Clinton county, January 8, 1871. He is a son of Claus H. and Annie (Petersen) Minster, both of whom were born in Germany. They arrived in America in 1866 and came to De Witt, Clinton county, Iowa, where Mr. Minster engaged in farming. In 1892 he was attracted to Crawford county and bought one hundred and twenty acres, which he cultivated until his retirement, when he sold it to one of his sons. He is now living with one of his children in this county. His wife died April 28, 1905. There were seven children in their family, namely: John, who died when young; Peter, also deceased; Thomas, of Ricketts; Christian, deceased; Claus, of this review; Kate, also deceased; and Theodore, of Crawford county.

Claus Minster received his education in the district schools and continued at home until twenty-one years of age, when he began working on a farm for two hundred dollars per year. At the end of two years he rented land, which he cultivated successfully for nine years, and then bought two hundred acres in Charter Oak township. He sold his farm after having it in his possession for one year and rented land for a year in Soldier township and for two years in Morgan township. He then bought three hundred and twenty acres in Jackson township and eighty acres in Stockholm township, but a year later disposed of three

hundred and twenty acres and bought one hundred and sixty acres in Stockholm township, then owning two hundred and forty acres. Fourteen months after disposing of his former farm he sold all of his land and took charge of a pool hall at Ricketts. However, he soon became dissatisfied with that business and closed out, purchasing one hundred and twenty acres of land in Hand county, South Dakota, which he has since sold. In 1910 he bought the farm on section 35, Charter Oak township, of which he is now the owner, and he is developing it into a valuable property.

On the 22d of November, 1893, Mr. Minster was married to Miss Caroline Jorgensen, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, a daughter of Soren and Bertha Roden Jorgensen. The father was born in Denmark and the mother in Scott county, Iowa. They were married in this state. The mother died March 15, 1887, but Mr. Jorgensen is now living in Clinton county, Iowa. They had seven children: Caroline, now Mrs. Claus Minster, Amanda, Albert, and Laura and Lawrence, twins, all of whom are living in Clinton county and Harvey and Otto, who died in infancy. Five children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Minster, namely: Edna T., who was born October 5, 1894; Bertha V., born January 12, 1897; Alta A., born January 24, 1899; Elmer H., born January 25, 1901; and Laura A., born April 3, 1903.

Mr. Minster, his wife and family are members of the German Lutheran church. He is a man of large experience in business and is especially successful in handling lands. Having been identified with agricultural pursuits from his earliest recollections he is well acquainted with farming and stock-raising. In all his dealings he is known as entirely reliable, and he has a wide acquaintance in Crawford county, having begun in business as a young man in this county.

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### ROBERT CHARLES HAWLEY, JR.

Robert Charles Hawley, Jr., an easterner by birth, has found in the rich farm lands of the middle west an ample field for advancement along agricultural lines. Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on the 12th of October, 1861, he is a son of Robert Charles and Sarah (Bears) Hawley, both natives of that state. The parents left the east in 1878, making their way to Crawford county, Iowa, and here the father passed away at the age of eighty-one years, being numbered among the substantial and highly esteemed residents of the community in which he made his home. In his family were six children, who are as follows: Ella, a resident of Crawford county; Edward, deceased; Frank, also of this county; Robert Charles, of this review; Wilbur, a resident of Milford township, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume; and Sarah, who wedded Avery E. Ford, of New Haven, Connecticut.

Robert Charles Hawley, whose name introduces this review, is indebted to the public-school system of his native city for the educational advantages which he enjoyed. When seventeen years of age he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa, and for a number of years he made his home in Milford



township, Crawford county. About ten years ago, however, he came to Hayes township, locating on the farm which is now his home. He is the owner of two hundred acres on section 18, upon which he has placed good improvements, and in the cultivation of this tract is meeting with most gratifying results. By experience he has learned the value of industry, perseverance and thrift in obtaining appreciable returns in his vocation and the capacity for industry united with the good judgment he displays in the management of his affairs has won him a measure of success that is gratifying indeed.

On the 6th of March, 1901, Mr. Hawley was united in marriage to Miss Laura Osterlund, who was born in Clinton, Iowa, a daughter of Lewis and Nellie (Nelson) Osterlund. Her parents were both natives of Sweden, the father's birth having occurred in Stockholm and the mother's in the vicinity of that city. They now make their home in Milford township, Crawford county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hawley have been born three children but one son born August 16, 1902, lived but one day, and a daughter, Nellie Irene, born July 24, 1903, died May 22, 1907, from diphtheria. Alice Marie is the only one now living. Although reared in the faith of the Methodist church, of which his mother was a member, Mr. Hawley now attends the Congregational church of Vail. In politics he originally gave his support to the republican party but now casts an independent vote, giving his influence to the best men and most desirable measures regardless of party ties. For three years he served as trustee of his township, but aside from that has never held nor sought public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his private interests. He is well known in fraternal circles of Vail, holding membership in the Masonic lodge and also in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while he and his wife are both identified with the Order of the Eastern Star. An easterner by birth and training, he has readily entered into the more progressive spirit of the middle west, and there are combined in his nature many of the best elements of both sections, so that he is today numbered among the valued and desirable citizens of his adopted state.

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#### JOHN D. SCHELDORF.

Since sixteen years of age John D. Scheldorf has resided in Crawford county and he still lives on the old homestead in West Side township. He is a native of Iowa, born in Clinton county, March 24, 1872, and is a son of Detlef and Margaret (Suhr) Scheldorf, both of whom were born in Germany. The parents came to America in 1871 and lived for four years in Clinton county, Iowa, when they removed to Sac county, and five years later took up their residence in Carroll county. The mother passed away in 1880 and eight years later the father came with his children to Crawford county, where he continued until his death, which occurred in September, 1909. There were six children in the family, two of whom are now living: John D., the subject of this review; and Hannah, the wife of Theodore Thompson, of Clinton county, Iowa.

John D. Scheldorf received his education in the district schools and at the age of sixteen came with his father to this county, continuing at home until after

reaching his maturity. He early showed an inclination for agricultural pursuits and under his father gained a practical knowledge of farm work. He began business upon his own account by renting the old homestead, which he purchased six years later and has since managed under his own name. It consists of one hundred and sixty acres of good land and is located on section 11, West Side township. He is a general farmer and also engages in feeding and shipping stock, his labors having been abundantly rewarded. He has made many improvements upon the place, thus keeping abreast of the times and adding materially to the value of the property.

In 1900 Mr. Scheldorf was united in marriage to Miss Emma M. Ohde, who was born in Hayes township, November 10, 1880, a daughter of George and Anna (Everhardt) Ohde. The parents were born in Germany and came to America, making their home in Clinton county, Iowa, but later establishing themselves upon a farm in Crawford county. They are now living at Manning, Carroll county. There were eight children in their family. Five children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Scheldorf: Marvel W., who was born February 15, 1902; Viola M., born May 30, 1903; Ranald D., born March 17, 1905; Rufert George, born January 15, 1907; and Wilbur John, born February 20, 1909.

Mr. Scheldorf deserves great credit for the excellent work he has done upon his farm and for his energy and enterprise. In everything he has undertaken he has always been true to every trust and well merits the esteem in which he is held by his friends and neighbors. Politically he is affiliated with the republican party and has taken an active interest in local politics. He was elected as road superintendent and also served faithfully as a member of the school board. Few men have the good-will of their fellowmen in a higher degree.

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#### CHARLES HENRY RICHARDSON.

Charles Henry Richardson, who owns one hundred and nineteen acres of rich and productive land in Crawford county is one of Iowa's native sons, having been born in Clinton county, March 7, 1872. His parents, James and Elizabeth (Lee) Richardson, emigrated from England and first located in Clinton county, Iowa, later removing to Carroll county, where at present they reside. Unto them were born twelve children, of whom the following survive: Ida, who married Thomas Dixon, of Crawford county; Charles H., of this review; John, who resides in Crawford county; Clara, the wife of Lester Fortsen, of Crawford county; Ada, who became the wife of Emil Novotne, of this county; Gertrude, who is the wife of George Braske, of Denison; Nellie, who married John Clauson, of Carroll county; Maud, who married Gus Anderson, of Carroll county; and James, who lives in Carroll county. The deceased members of the family are Etta, Frank and one other who died in infancy.

Charles H. Richardson obtained his education in the public schools and has devoted his entire life to the pursuit of agriculture, early becoming familiar

with the duties and labors of the farm, and he has thus acquired a knowledge that has enabled him to make a success of his chosen vocation. In 1903 he bought one hundred and nineteen acres of land in Crawford county, upon which he has made modern improvements of various kinds, including fences, barns and other outbuildings, aside from which he has erected a handsome residence. While he carries on general farming, he makes a specialty of raising white face cattle and hogs of a high grade, which he feeds for the market.

On September 20, 1901, occurred the marriage of Mr. Richardson and Miss Carrie Miller, a daughter of Jonathan and Ella (Thomas) Miller, the father being a native of Pennsylvania, while the mother's birth took place in Jackson county, Iowa. They were the parents of three children, namely: Grace, who married N. W. Inghram, of Crawford county; Carrie; and Horace, who resides in Milford township. To Mr. and Mrs. Richardson has been born one child, Clifford Lee, whose birth occurred June 30, 1904.

Politically Mr. Richardson is a republican but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, although he has been interested in community affairs to the extent of giving active cooperation to many progressive movements for the public good. In his religious views he is a faithful adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is recognized as a man of broad integrity and worth in every relation of life and is classed with the well known and prosperous farmers of Crawford county, by whom he is regarded with merited confidence and esteem.

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### THE SAUNDERS FAMILY.

Early visitors "on the Nishna" never refused an invitation to the Saunders home and a visit there was always an inspiration and a delight. The hospitality was so cordial and whole-hearted, the atmosphere of sturdy, vigorous family life was so energizing, the spirit of kindness and brotherly love so inspiring that few have forgotten those old time glimpses of the Saunders home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Saunders, the founders of the Crawford county family, were natives of old England. Mr. Saunders was a square chinned, clear eyed, well built man and these physical characteristics, together with the traits which they imply, he transmitted to his progeny. The Saunders family of to-day traces its ancestry with pride and affection to the kindly grandfather who was one of the bold fishermen of the tight little isle but who came to America with his family and settled at Westmoreland, New York, when G. W. Saunders was but a lad of fourteen. The grandfather worked in a smelting plant and lead a useful, industrious life until his death in his fifty-fifth year, his widow surviving him until in her ninetieth year. To them were born six children, Herbert, William, Alfred, Henry, George W. and Fanny. The maternal grandfather was Thomas E. Walker, also a native of England. In 1835 he emigrated to America, settling near Westmoreland, New York, and engaged in farming. He passed away in 1898 at the age of eighty, his wife having died many years previously. There were five children in their family, Mary, Hannah,

Hattie, Sarah and Aaron C. Mr. Walker was married a second time and had three children by this union, namely, Thomas A., Robert and Fletcher.

George W. Saunders, the founder of the Crawford county family, passed his boyhood days in England and grew to manhood and was married in Westmoreland, New York. He received the beginning of his education in the public schools, but he was one of those whose education continued uninterruptedly throughout life. He worked on the farm and in the smelter and then became smitten with the western fever. His first employment in Iowa was with the Rock Island Railway at Iowa City, and here he was foreman of a gang of men who took up the old chain iron and laid the first steel rails for that railroad west of Rock Island. About 1877 Mr. Saunders located in Crawford county, first settling in Hayes township, about four miles south of Vail. A few years later he purchased a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Nishnabotny township, and it was this farm, together with one hundred and sixty acres purchased later, which became the family homestead and which was the old home with which he will always be identified in the memory of Crawford county people. He was a successful farmer, being a man of sound judgment and unflagging industry. It was in the environs of such a home that he reared his family of eight splendid children. They were: Charles G., a member of the Iowa state senate and one of the most prominent lawyers of Council Bluffs, a man of more than state-wide reputation; Martha E., the wife of John Swanson, of Garfield, Washington; Henry A., of Wenatchee, Washington; David P., of Deer Lodge, Montana; Jennie P., the widow of Gazaway Farver, of Des Moines, Iowa; Frank J., who was killed by a railroad train at Council Bluffs, Iowa, in July, 1893; Herbert C., of Prosser, Washington; and Roscoe C., of Manilla, who alone of all the children maintains the name and fame of the Saunders family in Crawford county.

G. W. Saunders remained on the old home until 1892, when he retired from active labor and made his home at Manilla until his death, which occurred in 1896 in his fifty-sixth year. The mother of the family survived, surrounded by love and most tender care, until in 1905 she rejoined her husband in the Great Beyond. Father Saunders was a zealous republican, and both he and his wife were active and earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They left an indelible impress upon the community.

Roscoe C. Saunders, the sole representative of this numerous family in Crawford county, is still a young man, but one who has made his mark as one of the strong men of southern Crawford. He was born in this county, in Nishnabotny township, and removed with his parents when fourteen to the town of Manilla, where he continued the education commenced in the rural schools. The death of his father threw much responsibility upon his shoulders and ended the care-less days of school life. He was busied with the settlement of the estate and then entered the drug business, with which he was identified for three years, after which he was connected with W. B. Barstow in the hardware and implement business for an equal length of time. In 1905 he was appointed postmaster of Manilla on the recommendation of Congressman J. P. Conner. At the conclusion of his first term he was reappointed to this office and he continues to serve to the eminent satisfaction of the postal department and of the patrons

of the office. He was the organizer of the Manilla Telephone Company in 1900, and he has been its manager from the first, having built up an exchange which is the envy of all who are conversant with the telephone business.

On the 21st of October, 1903, Mr. Saunders was united in marriage with Miss Mae E. Breckenridge, who is a beautiful and accomplished young matron and who makes the Saunders home one of the most attractive and best beloved in Manilla. Mrs. Saunders is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Breckenridge, who have lived in Manilla for twenty-five years and who have reared a family of eight children, namely, Claude L., Mae E., Nellie, wife of George R. Hird, Ray, Fred, Ida, Bessie and Clemma, all living in Manilla. Grandfather Breckenridge was a soldier in the Union army and is still living in his ninetieth year. John L. Breckenridge was born in Knox county, Ohio, and Mrs. Breckenridge was a native of Kentucky, as were her parents. Mr. Breckenridge came to Benton county, Iowa, with his parents in 1864, and Mrs. Breckenridge came to the same locality in 1865. The marriage of these two took place in 1878.

It is a pleasure to pay a tribute to these two old families so happily united in the younger generation. Roscoe C. Saunders is one of the most active of Manilla's young business men. He has great faith in the future of the city and is on the permanent "boosting" committee of the town. He seems to have inherited in full the square chinned determination, the clear-eyed loyalty and the well built energy which made his beloved father, George W. Saunders, one of the strongest, ablest and most highly esteemed of the pioneers of Nishnabotny.

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#### CARL GUSTAFSON.

Carl Gustafson, who is engaged in general farming and stock-raising on two hundred and eighty acres of land in Stockholm township, is a native of Sweden, his natal day being the 6th of February, 1875. He is the eldest child of John and Johanna (Axelson) Gustafson. The mother passed away in her native land and in 1910 the father came to the United States, now making his home with his son in his sixty-seventh year. They were the parents of six other children, who are as follows: Albin, living in Ida county, Iowa; Enard, a resident of the same county; Charlotta and Alma, both deceased; Alma, living in Ida county; and Axel, deceased.

Carl Gustafson was but a youth of sixteen years when he took passage for the United States. He first located in Sac county, Iowa, where he engaged in farm work for sixteen years. At the end of that period he had accumulated the necessary capital to become a property owner, and, coming to Crawford county, he bought one hundred and twenty acres in Stockholm township. He has since leased a quarter section, which he cultivates in connection with his own land. He is meeting with more than average success and is making extensive improvements on his place, which is rapidly becoming one of the valuable properties of that section of the county.

Mr. Gustafson was united in marriage on the 24th of February, 1900, to Miss Amanda Lundberg, a daughter of Axel and Matilda (Lindblad) Lund-

berg. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lundberg, but the first four, Phebian, Charles, Annie and Ida have passed away. Those surviving are: Hilda, the wife of John Turen, of Ida county; Nellie, who became the wife of Everett Warren, of Calhoun county; Hilder, who lives in the same place; Amanda, the wife of Carl Gustafson; Annie, who became the wife of C. Clausen, of Kiron; Alice, who married Nels Wickel, of Nebraska; and Mamie, of Sac county. Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson have become the parents of four children: Mamie, who is nine years of age; Ernest, now in his seventh year; Vernal, who has passed her fourth birthday; and Florence, who is just entering her second year. The family attend the Lutheran church. Mr. Gustafson is highly regarded in the community where he resides and has made many friends during the four years he has been living there.

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### CHARLES WALTER TABOR.

When this sketch was written Charles W. Tabor was on the continent of Europe, enjoying the many marvels of the old world. This has left us free to say of him those things which our people know to be true, but which would doubtless be blue penciled by Mr. Tabor's modesty had he the opportunity to revise. Charles W. Tabor is undoubtedly one of the best beloved men Denison has ever known. During the thirty-eight years of his residence he has maintained a reputation of spotless integrity and purity of character. In business he has received the confidence of many hundreds of our people, and no such confidence has been betrayed. He has held in his hands the financial welfare of a large portion of the community but at no time has he inflicted hardship or stood as other than a friend and helpful adviser. His charities have been innumerable. Scores of young men and women who are successful today, owe to him that assistance which enabled them to obtain an education. Many others have by him been relieved from distress and poverty. He has been munificent both to the worthy and to the unworthy, it being his purpose to lighten the burdens of others where he could and when he could, and afterward to examine into the causes and help with advice. It is not alone the struggling youths, the poor, the distressed, the needy, who are Mr. Tabor's debtors, there are in this county today many people in moderate and in affluent circumstances who owe their success very largely to the confidence which Mr. Tabor had in them, enabling them, through the use of the capital at his command, to make those investments which have meant good fortune. During all these years he could have had any office within the gift of the people of this county, but though at all times intensely interested in public questions and in politics, he has persistently refused the notoriety of public life. Since his coming to Denison there has never been a movement for the welfare of the city in which he has not done his full share, both financially and through well directed and enthusiastic effort. He is a scholarly, well read man, who enjoys not only his old friends—his books—but all the current literature of the day. His home is a book lover's paradise and conversation with him is always a pleasure and delight. His four most

prominent characteristics are his sound business judgment and his altruistic attitude toward all public questions, his loyal warm heart and the quiet modesty with which he has pursued his way.

Charles Walter Tabor was born June 4, 1848, in Rollin, Michigan, son of Stephen W. and Caroline Cecelia Tabor, both of Bradford, Vermont. The family is able to trace its American ancestry back to Philip Tabor, who first set foot in Massachusetts in 1635. Another ancestor commanded an American privateer during the war of the Revolution. The subject of this sketch seems to have received from his long line of Yankee ancestors all that sound business sense for which the race is noted, together with that sweet kindness which seemed to be the peculiar portion of his mother. Mr. Tabor's parents moved to the west in 1837, settling at Rollin, Michigan, where two children, Helen Josephine, now Mrs. W. H. Littell, of Independence, Iowa, and Charles W. were born. In 1849 they removed to Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, where a year later the youngest son, Frank H., was born. The father was a waggon-maker by trade but was possessed of the political instinct and served for many years as deputy United States revenue collector for Sauk county. He was also engaged in retail business with L. V. Tabor.

The boys, Charles and Frank, grew up together in the fairly primitive Wisconsin home, fond of all the sports of boyhood, eager students, and anxious to begin the work of life. At the age of sixteen Charles W. Tabor taught a school of sixty-one pupils in a log schoolhouse in Wisconsin. In 1869 he received an appointment as a clerk in the treasury department at Washington, D. C. He not only did his work in the department but like many another young man he availed himself of the educational advantages of the city. For a time he attended Howard University, which after the war was open to colored people, and it was there, perhaps, that he gained that loyalty to the oppressed from which he has never faltered. He attended the Columbia Law School and graduated from that institution. At the same time his brother Frank completed the University course and the law course at Michigan University at Ann Arbor. Out of a class of eighty-four graduating from the Columbia Law School with Mr. Tabor, but one other, John Corwin, had the energy and initiative to leave the shelter of departmental service and permanently engage in the practice of law. In 1871 Mr. Tabor resigned from the treasury department and went to Madison, Wisconsin, working as an assistant in the law office of Carpenter & Chase. In the spring of 1873 he went to Chicago, hoping to get into some established law firm in that city. He worked for some months as abstractor and clerk with Handy, Simmons & Company. On July 26, 1873, he was united in marriage with Abigail H. Wilkinson, and their life time of devotion became a model to all who knew them.

The history of the two brothers is at this period indissolubly linked. They were more than brothers to each other—they were friends and boon companions and it would be a difficult matter to decide which one loved and admired the other the more. Dissatisfied with a subordinate position, the brothers planned to go into business for themselves. Frank had completed the four years course at Ann Arbor in three years and graduated from the law school at the end of the

fol. He now turned his attention to looking up a location and in the mean- to the earning of a livelihood. He made his first trip to Iowa as a canva- for Appleton's Encyclopedia, and in pursuing his work he kept an eye open for opportunity. He reported to his brother that there were two favorable locations in Iowa, one at Independence and the other at Denison. They were entire strangers to this city, but in October, 1873, Charles Tabor came to Denison, found it to be a promising and thriving community and decided to remain. Frank came in November and together they purchased the law practice of J. D. Miracle and rented a little room over the Chicago store, the building now occupied by C. C. Kemming, and on December 3, 1873, they flung their sign of "Tabor & Tabor" to the pleasure of the wintry blasts. From the very first the firm was successful. The community recognized their ability and their straightforwardness. Frank Tabor was a genius, an eloquent orator, a brilliant logician and a splendid student of the law. Charles was an energetic, wide-ake, strictly honest business man. Their past friendships gave them connection with investors in other states and these connections were augmented by the scrupulous promptness and reliability with which they conducted the affairs of others. In this way they were able to furnish the capital which was so greatly needed in the upbuilding of the new town and county. Their first lawsuit was over some trivial affair, the trial being held at the residence of a justice in the vicinity of Charter Oak. The attorneys in the case, besides Tabor & Tabor, were Wright & Nicholson, C. C. Donald, M. H. Wygant, and J. P. Conner.

Frank Tabor was married in 1874 to Miss Florence Bowen. The brothers lived on opposite corners, their business was flourishing, they had attained a high place in the esteem of the community, and life opened before them as brightly as before any two young men whom we have ever known. In the early days the black diphtheria was a terrible scourge. Antitoxin had not been discovered and there seemed to be no way to prevent the ravages of the disease. A large percentage of the deaths in the early history of this county came through diphtheria. In the winter of 1878 Denison was visited by the worst epidemic of this dread disease that it has ever known. People were panic stricken. It was almost impossible to secure any aid for the afflicted ones. There was no need of a quarantine for people kept from the stricken homes in mortal terror. It was at such a time as this that Ida, the daughter of their neighbor, Mr. Nicholson, was stricken with the disease. Fully realizing the danger, they still felt that it was their supreme duty to offer aid, and in doing so they laid down their lives. In a few days after caring for the dying girl Mr. Tabor was taken with the disease, and but a few more days elapsed before the wife was also stricken. A heroic fight was made for their lives, the best medical assistance in all the west was called to their bedsides, but the struggle was in vain. Mrs. Tabor died December 31, 1878; Frank H. Tabor died January 22, 1879.

The death of this brother, who was as his right hand, was the first great grief of Charles Tabor's life. It was a grief from which he never recovered but which hallowed all his after years, as he remained true and had ever in his mind the high ideals for which his brother lived. Following his brother's death Mr. Tabor had no heart for the practice of law and in 1880 he sold this part



of his business to the firm of Garrison & Roberts, retaining for himself the loan business, which had grown to large proportions and which increased rapidly with each succeeding year. During these years Mr. Tabor became largely interested in real estate, owning at one time more than ten thousand acres in Crawford and Monona counties. His business made him known to every resident of the county and his kindliness, his generosity and his fairness made him a friend to every one. At the time of the sale of his law business, however, he intended to remove to Atchison, Kansas, to enter business with E. W. Sargeant, but there came a revival in the real-estate business after the famous Jay Cook failure, and he decided to remain, associating with him in business for a time, John B. Poitvin. Mr. Tabor was the first attorney to occupy offices in the McHenry Bank Building, and these offices he retained for thirty-six years, until November 1, 1910. In the early '90s, finding that business cares took a larger percentage of his time than he cared to give, Mr. Tabor disposed of nearly all of his real-estate holdings. These lands had been purchased at from three to seven dollars per acre and, although the great rise in real-estate values of later years had not come, they gave Mr. Tabor a handsome profit. After disposing of these properties Mr. Tabor devoted himself entirely to the loan business and to other investments. He is a director of the Crawford County State Bank, of the German Bank of Schleswig, and of the Crawford County Telephone Company.

The death of his beloved wife on May 14, 1902, made another great change in the course of his life. He devoted himself less and less to business and more to the working out of charitable designs. Many years ago, through T. J. Garrison, his attention was first called to the Christian Home at Council Bluffs. He made a businesslike investigation of its methods and management and soon became its most enthusiastic supporter. His benevolences to this institution amount to many thousands of dollars and he is still its most liberal single benefactor. The last few years have been spent largely in travel to various portions of the United States. On February 16, 1908, Mr. Tabor suffered still another great grief in the death of his beloved mother, Mrs. C. C. Tabor. The winter of 1909 was spent in Florida and an overland journey was commenced which continued through Georgia and Alabama into the mountains of Tennessee, where Mr. Tabor suffered from an acute attack of blood poisoning and was obliged to hasten to the home of his cousin, Robert Moreland, of Adrian, Michigan, where for several weeks his life was in great jeopardy. To the joy of his many friends he recovered from this illness and later was able to return to his home. In the fall of 1910 Mr. Tabor disposed of his loan business to the Crawford County State Bank, and he has now retired from all active business save in the management of his personal estate.

At present Mr. Tabor, with his cousin, Miss Ames, and a party of American friends, are making an extensive tour which has already included the Mediterranean ports, the Holy Land and Egypt. Nearly all the important cities of Europe will be visited before their return. Before he left Denison for a California visit which preceded the longer trip, the business men of Denison tendered Mr. Tabor an elaborate banquet, at which time was fully evidenced the

love and high esteem in which he is held. No man in the history of our county has been kinder and truer and more generous. No man has a warmer place in the hearts of the people. It will indeed be a glad day for Denison when Mr. Tabor returns, and this will be especially the case should he decide to live with us the remainder of his years.

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### JOHN G. HAMANN.

It is ever a source of encouragement to learn of the lives of those who have started out empty-handed but by means of energy and perseverance have acquired a fair degree of success. Such is the life record of John G. Hamann, who as a young man came to America practically penniless but rich in the possession of those qualities which enable an ambitious man to conquer conditions.

He was born in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 28th of July, 1859, his parents being C. and Margaret (Redus) Hamann, who spent their entire lives in their native land, where the father engaged in farming. Seven children were born to them: Sophia, Johanna, Louise, Henry, John G., August and Wilhelmina. They are all living in Germany with the exception of John G. Hamann, who is the fifth in order of birth, and August, who is now a resident of Washington township, his brother having sent him a ticket and passage money.

In the common schools of the fatherland John G. Hamann obtained his education, and after laying aside his school books he was apprenticed to a shoemaker. After completing his term of service he followed his trade in Hamburg for a time, finally becoming so skilled that he was able to make a pair of shoes in eight hours. Having become possessed of that intense dissatisfaction which must ever affect an ambitious youth, who recognizes limitations which he feels must ultimately smother his aspiration, he became a soldier but after ten weeks he took passage for America, believing that here he could find the opportunities for which he longed. He arrived in the United States in 1881, first locating in Henry county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming for four years. At the end of that period he removed to Crawford county, Iowa, renting a farm in Goodrich township, which he cultivated for several years, and then went to Washington township. He resided in the latter place until 1892, when he settled on section 16, Nishnabotny township, where he has ever since continued to live. Here Mr. Hamann has acquired six hundred acres of land, upon which he has placed three sets of improvements, putting them all up himself, and has set out shade and fruit trees. He engages in general farming and stock-raising but makes a specialty of feeding stock for the market, being the heaviest feeder in his township. His ventures have all netted him substantial returns and in addition to his agricultural property he also owns two lots in Manilla.

In 1885 Mr. Hamann established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Dora Smith, who passed away three months afterward. He married a second time, his choice being Miss Anna Suhr, a native of Germany, and they have become the parents of seven children: Henry, Albert, Alvina, Edward, Annie,

Dewey and Flora, all of whom are at home with the exception of the second son, Albert, who is living on one of his father's farms.

The family all affiliate with the Lutheran church, while fraternally Mr. Hamann is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also a member of the Germania Association, which was organized through his suggestion and of which he has been the president almost continuously since it was founded. Since his naturalization Mr. Hamann has taken an active and helpful interest in all local affairs, and although he is a republican in principle he always casts his ballot at township and county elections for the men and measures he considers best adapted for the general interest. He has been road superintendent for ten years and has but recently been elected township trustee for the third term, while he is also president of the school board. Mr. Hamann has ever manifested the determination and diligence which has enabled him to successfully complete whatsoever he has undertaken. There have been difficulties and obstacles in his path to be sure but he has resolutely overcome them and today he is recognized as one of the substantial agriculturists of the county.

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#### ISAIAH A. MAINS.

Isaiah A. Mains, postmaster of Charter Oak, a position which he has filled with marked ability for six years past, is a native of Perry county, Ohio. He was born June 18, 1853, and is a son of Thomas F. and Sarah (Hazelton) Mains, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state. The father served in the Union army at the time of the Civil war, enlisting in June, 1861, in the Ninth Ohio Infantry. At the expiration of his period of enlistment he reentered the service and continued until the close of the war. He was reared a farmer and followed that occupation after returning from the army, attaining a creditable position in his chosen calling. The mother of our subject died in 1861. There were four children in their family: Isaiah A., of this review; John H., who is a business man of Stewart, Nebraska; Jane, who married James B. Wilson, of Ohio, and died at the age of forty-five; and Mary, who is the wife of C. C. Hardy, of Charter Oak. The father was married a second time in 1867, the lady of his choice being Catharine Richter, of Ohio, who is now deceased. To this union one child, Florence, was born. She is now living at New Lexington, Ohio. Mr. Mains lived to an advanced age, passing away January 14, 1908.

Isaiah A. Mains was educated in the public schools of Ohio and continued in his native state until twenty-two years of age. He then married and came to Iowa and rented land for two years in Clark county. In 1877 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Charter Oak township, Crawford county, which he cultivated until 1881, when he removed to Charter Oak and engaged for several years in the real-estate business, also giving his children advantages of education in the public schools. In 1905 he was appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt as postmaster of Charter Oak and was reappointed to the

position in 1910 by President Taft. His administration in the office has been satisfactory not only to the people but to the officers at Washington.

On March 3, 1875, Mr. Mains was married to Miss Katherine Adams, who was born in Ohio, February 10, 1852, and is a daughter of William and Amelia (Taylor) Adams, the father being a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Ohio. Mr. Adams died in 1883 and his wife passed away several years later. Of eight children in their family five are now living, namely: John F., of Craig, Nebraska; Katherine, now Mrs. Isaiah A. Mains; Mrs. J. H. Mains, of Stewart, Nebraska; William, of Omaha, Nebraska; and Frances, now Mrs. A. D. Fowler, of New Lexington, Ohio. Four children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Mains: William T., who was born January 23, 1876, and is a graduate of the high school and now living in Charter Oak; Harry H., who is connected with C. F. Adams & Company, of Chicago, Illinois; Charles A., now assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Charter Oak; and Grace A., at home, who was graduated at the high school and spent two years at Morning-side College, studying music.

Mr. Mains and his wife are estimable members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he gives his support to the republican party and fraternally is connected with Lodge No. 543, A. F. & A. M., and Lodge No. 329, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Modern Woodmen of America, all of Charter Oak. The son of a valiant soldier who voluntarily offered his services to his country in her hour of danger, Mr. Mains inherited characteristics of fearlessness, energy and perseverance which have materially assisted him in his life work, to that today he is one of the acknowledged leaders in Crawford county. He is a thorough business man, a popular and efficient public official and a useful citizen, whose spirit of helpfulness is one of the leading factors in his success.

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### FRED ERICKSON.

The subject of this review is actively identified with the agricultural interests of Crawford county, and although comparatively a young man he has gained a reputation as one of the highly efficient farmers of Stockholm township. Here he has spent his entire life and it is doubtful whether any other man in his part of the county has a more intimate acquaintance with its resources or with the possibilities of its agricultural development.

A native of Crawford county, Mr. Erickson comes of one of its well known families. He was born on the home farm in Stockholm township, August 1, 1873, a son of John A. and Julia Erickson, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He received his preliminary education in the public schools and later possessed advantages of college training, thus becoming well prepared for the responsibilities that were before him. He remained at home assisting his father until after reaching manhood and then rented the home place of three hundred acres, of which he has ever since had charge. He engages in general farming but makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, keeping none but good grades and shipping the same to the market in excellent condition. As he

gives close attention to his business the results have been highly satisfactory and the well kept appearance of the place gives evidence of intelligent supervision. He has made a careful study of the best methods of farming and stock-raising and is regarded by his neighbors as an authority on any questions pertaining to agricultural life.

Mr. Erickson politically is identified with the republican party, but he is not an aspirant for honors or emoluments of office as his interests are centered upon his farm. He still enjoys the freedom of bachelorhood. He is known as a man of the strictest integrity, whose word is as binding to him as his bond and who is willing at all times to assist in any movement which gives evidence of promoting the permanent welfare of the people of this section.

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### C. CHRISTENSON.

C. Christenson, a former agriculturist of Crawford county but more recently of Ida county, who is now living retired in Kiron, was born in Sweden on the 15th of October, 1841, and is a son of K. and Christina (Benson) Christenson. The parents spent their entire lives in their native land, where seven of their nine children continue to reside. Our subject and one daughter, Johanna, who married Olaf Bjorkman, of Stockholm township, this county, being the only members of the family to emigrate to the United States.

C. Christenson spent the first twenty-three years of his life in the old country, remaining a member of his mother's household until he had acquired his education. In 1865, however, he resolved to become a citizen of the United States, feeling convinced that better opportunities awaited him here than he could ever hope to have at home, so he took passage and sailed for America. He first located in Allamakee county, Iowa, where he continued to reside for two years and then went to Wisconsin to work in the pineries and the sawmills. After spending two years in the lumber country he returned to Iowa, this time settling in Denison, where he was employed for one year. At the end of that period he bought two yoke of oxen and engaged in breaking prairie for several years, during which time he saved the necessary capital to buy an eighty acre tract of land where he engaged in farming. He cultivated this for two years and then sold and purchased another eighty elsewhere in this county, to which he was later able to add forty more. He lived there for some time and in addition to his general farming and stock-raising made a specialty of buying and shipping stock. He finally sold his homestead and removed to Ida county, Iowa, where he bought a hundred and sixty acre tract. He met with a moderate degree of success in his various ventures and later was able to add to his holdings another eighty acres. He continued to reside on this place until 1909, at which time he sold his farm and retired to Kiron, having acquired a competence which enables him to live in ease and comfort. He was always a thrifty, hard-working man and after the self-denial and privation of his early years is able to enjoy the peace of mind and physical ease his ample means



MR. AND MRS. C. CHRISTENSON



provide him. He owns his residence in Kiron, which is one of the best in town, being provided with modern appointments and conveniences.

It was on the 1st of November, 1871, that Mr. Christenson was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Anderson, a daughter of Andrew and Christina Anderson, and on the 10th of May, 1896, she passed away. Seven children were born to them, as follows: Edward, living in Woodbury county, Iowa; Leonard, who is a resident of Ida Grove; May, who married Frank Ward, of Emporia, Kansas; Mayme, the wife of Joe Hammerstron, of Ida county; Virgil, who is living in Minneapolis; Alice, who is keeping house for her father; and Arthur George, with his sister in Ida county.

The faith of the family is that of the Baptist denomination, with which they are affiliated by membership. Ever since becoming a citizen of the United States Mr. Christenson has given his political support to the republican party. He has ever been a public-spirited man and takes an active interest in all municipal affairs and has held several of the minor township offices, the duties of which he executed in a manner which won the general approval of his constituency.

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### JOHN B. DORFLER.

On the role of honored citizens of Crawford county who have nobly performed their life work and have passed to the world beyond is John B. Dorfler. He was for many years a resident of Soldier township and was the owner of one of its most valuable farms. He was born in Germany, November 9, 1835, a son of Adam and Barbara Dorfler, both of whom were natives of Germany. The parents came to America in 1845 and spent two years at St. Louis, later settling on a farm in Muscatine county, Iowa, where they continued until their death. There were eight children in their family, namely: Adam, who died in Germany; John B., of this review; Elizabeth, the widow of Christ Will, of Muscatine; Margaret, now the wife of John Heubner, of Muscatine; George, who gave up his life for the cause of the Union at the time of the Civil war; Kate, who married Peter Hirshmann and both are now deceased; Katrina, the wife of George Hunt, of Muscatine; and Anna, who married George Shafer and both are deceased.

Mr. Dorfler of this review came to America with his parents when ten years of age. He was educated in Germany and in the public schools of Iowa, applying himself with a diligence that proved a true prophecy of the sturdy character which later in life became more clearly manifest. He devoted his energies to agriculture and stock-raising, and as opportunity presented invested his earnings in land, becoming the owner of nine hundred and sixty acres in Soldier township, a large part of which he developed until it was under excellent cultivation. He was a man of clear business judgment and ranked as one of the leaders in his part of the county.

On the 12th of November, 1868, Mr. Dorfler was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Stegemann, who was born in Germany, October 31, 1846, a daugh-



ter of Edward and Caroline (Rohdy) Stegemann. The parents came to the United States in 1868 and spent eight years in Muscatine county, then removing to Crawford county, where Mr. Stegemann successfully engaged in farming until his retirement in 1892. He died at Denison, May 1, 1898, his wife being called away March 27, 1905. Eleven children were born to them, namely: Augusta, now the widow of John B. Dorfler; William, Minnie and Ernest, all of Crawford county; Otille, the widow of John Reimers of Crawford county; Albertina, the wife of Andrew P. Hollander, of Crawford county; Otto H., also of Crawford county; Gustav D., of North Platte, Nebraska; Albert, of Crawford county; and Annie and Herman, both of whom died when young.

Six children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dorfler, namely: John, who was born May 24, 1871, and is now engaged in farming in Crawford county; Anna, born February 19, 1872; George, born January 6, 1874; Frank, born December 2, 1876; William, born November 24, 1879; and Elizabeth, born September 8, 1882. The five last named are all living at home.

Mr. Dorfler departed this life on the 5th of October, 1898, and the many expressions of regret throughout the community gave unqualified testimony as to his personal worth. Politically he was a supporter of the democratic party. He was not an office seeker but he served most creditably as road supervisor for three years and as member of the school board for seven years. Religiously he adhered to the Lutheran church, in whose doctrines he was an earnest believer. Mrs. Dorfler still lives upon the home farm, which now comprises four hundred and forty acres and is in charge of five of her children. She has an extensive acquaintance in the county and on account of her kindly disposition is greatly respected.

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#### WILLIAM ISEMINGER, M. D.

The demands made upon the medical profession are many. It has been said that if the lawyer is cross and crabbed it is considered a mark of genius; if the minister is cold and reserved it is because he is occupied in the contemplation of things beyond our ken. The physician, however, must possess unflinching courtesy and cheeriness bordering on to optimism, in addition to a comprehensive understanding of the scientific principles which underlie the practice of medicine and surgery. In all of these acquirements Dr. William Iseminger is well equipped and in his practice has made steady progress since first taking up the active work of the physician and surgeon.

He was born near Westville, in Laporte county, Indiana, July 10, 1836, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Graybeal) Iseminger, natives of Ohio and Virginia, respectively. The paternal grandfather, George Iseminger, was born in Pennsylvania and was of German parentage. He was a wheelwright by trade and a natural mechanic and it was said could make anything in wood. Unto him and his wife were born several children, including Daniel, George, Jacob, Christina and Julia Ann. The maternal grandfather of Dr. Iseminger was John Graybeal, a native of Virginia, who lived to old age. He was twice married and had a good sized family, including Holbert, Jacob, Peter and Elizabeth.

Jacob Iseminger, father of Dr. Iseminger, was a farmer by occupation through the greater part of his life, although in early manhood he and his brother operated a mill in Monroe county, Indiana. He lived a busy and useful life and died on the old home farm in 1879, lacking but three months of being eighty years of age. He was twice married, his first union being with a Miss Rogers, by whom he had three children, Martha, Elizabeth and George Washington. After the death of his first wife, Jacob Iseminger wedded Elizabeth Graybeal, who passed away in 1874, when more than seventy years of age. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Christian church. Their family numbered seven children, as follows: John, deceased; William, of this review; Hiram, who lost his life while serving in the Civil war; Holbert G., now living in Tappen, North Dakota; Peter R., who lives on the old home farm in Laporte county, Indiana; Margaret Jane, the wife of John Bone, of Marysville, Kansas; and Rachel, deceased.

Dr. Iseminger spent his youthful days upon his father's farm near Westville, Indiana, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He also attended the district schools and later entered De Pauw University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1862. He won the Bachelor of Arts degree there and after completing his course engaged in teaching school for a time but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor and took up the study of medicine as a student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, completing a course in the medical department with the graduating class of 1865. Thus well equipped for the onerous and responsible duties of the profession he began practicing in Denison in 1868 and has remained here continuously since. Forty-three years have since come and gone, during which period Dr. Iseminger has ever maintained a prominent position as an able and successful practitioner, conscientiously discharging his duties, his labors being attended with excellent results.

On the 10th of September, 1868, Dr. Iseminger wedded Miss Nancy J. Cavett, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cavett, who were likewise born in the Keystone state but became early settlers of Jasper county, Iowa. For several years they lived in Denison and then returned to Vandalia, Jasper county. The father died when well advanced in age and the mother passed away at the home of Dr. Iseminger in Denison, at the age of seventy-one. Their children were as follows: Robert J., Orlando, John, Norville, Mark, J. Sylvester and Nancy J. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Iseminger were born two daughters: Flora E., a stenographer, who for twenty years has been employed in the bank at Denison; and Mertie, who is the wife of Frank C. Evans, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and has two children, Donald and Franklin.

In 1893, Dr. Iseminger was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 30th of May of that year, in the faith of the Methodist church, of which she was a consistent member. Dr. Iseminger belongs to the Christian church and his life is in harmony with his professions. Politically he is a republican and has been called to serve in several offices. He was county coroner for several terms, was a member of the city council and has also been a member of the school board. He was likewise a member of the board of pension examiners for a number of years. He belongs to the County and State Medi-

cal Societies and is the oldest physician in the county in years of residence and length of practice here. He has ever kept abreast with the progress of the times, study and research constantly adding to his knowledge and promoting his efficiency. He has never hesitated to adopt new ideas or methods which his judgment sanctions as of value in practice but has never hastily discarded the old and time-tried methods, the worth of which have been proven. His record is indeed creditable and commendable and although he is now living retired, save when old friends and patrons demand his professional service, he has for many years stood in advance of the medical profession and as a man and citizen has also commanded and enjoyed the high regard and confidence of his fellow townsmen.

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### E. F. GRAINGER.

E. F. Grainger, a well known and prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of Paradise township, is one of Canada's contributions to the citizenship of Iowa, his birth having occurred on Amhurst island, near Kingston, on the 18th of September, 1871. His parents, P. K. and Amanda (Wemp) Grainger, were natives of Ireland and Canada respectively, the father having come to the new world on the 10th of May, 1832. In Kingston, Canada, he was engaged in teaching school for several years and was also identified with farming interests until 1881, or the year of his arrival in Iowa, when he located upon a farm in Crawford county and here gave his attention to agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred on the 24th of June, 1908. His wife survived until the 24th of February, 1910. Their family consisted of eight children, as follows: Mary, the wife of Marion Cole, who is engaged in the feed business in Dow City, Iowa; Anna, who married J. C. Grandy, a telegraph operator of Warsaw, Indiana; Lucretia, who has passed away; A. P., engaged in farming in Paradise township, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; James Allen, associated with his brother A. P. Grainger in agricultural pursuits; E. F., of this review; Charles, who carries on farming near Hancock, Nebraska; and Rachel, the widow of John Clary, residing at Denison, Iowa.

E. F. Grainger was a lad of ten years when brought by his parents to Iowa, and his education, which had been begun in the schools of Canada, was completed in the Hawkeye state. Reared amid the busy activity of rural life he was at the same time thoroughly trained in the work of the farm, assisting his father when not busy with his text-books by performing such tasks as usually fall to the lot of the country boy. After leaving school he turned his attention entirely to agricultural pursuits and remained at home with his parents until 1906, when he rented one of his father's farms and became an independent farmer. Later he purchased that property and it has since remained his home. He has erected good buildings upon the place, has introduced many modern conveniences and accessories and the farm, which consists of eighty acres, is now a highly improved and valuable property. He engages in general farming and also devotes much time to stock-raising, making a specialty of breeding fine

Duroc Jersey hogs. A spirit of enterprise and progress characterizes his efforts and his practical methods and businesslike management of his interests are elements in the attainment of a success which is at once substantial and gratifying.

Mr. Grainger laid the foundation for a happy home life in 1906 by his marriage to Miss Mabel Pollock, a daughter of W. C. Pollock, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Grainger holds membership in the Presbyterian church, while Mr. Grainger is a communicant of the Catholic church. He gives his political support to the republican party and has served as school director, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. He has also served his township in the capacity of road boss and his public-spirited citizenship prompts his interest in and advocacy of all measures and movements which have for their object the permanent upbuilding and development of the community in which he resides. Spending the greater part of his life within the boundaries of Paradise township, E. F. Grainger has a wide acquaintance in this section of the state, and the fact that many who have known him longest are numbered among his warmest friends is indicative of a life that has ever been guided by honorable principles.

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#### ANDREW P. HOLLANDER.

Andrew P. Hollander, who is now living retired in Schleswig after being engaged in farming and stock-raising for more than twenty-five years in Crawford county, is a native of Germany, his birth occurring on the 5th of May, 1855. His parents were Rasmus and Maran (Neissen) Hollander. The father died in the land of his nativity but the mother emigrated to America where she passed away on the 22d of April, 1890. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hollander were born the following children: Peter, deceased; Christina, who lives in Germany; Laurence, a resident of Schleswig; Thomas, living in Ida county; Ebbe, also residing in Schleswig; Andrew P., the subject of this sketch; Maria, the wife of John Moeler, of Otter Creek township; Asmus, deceased and Ingurerd, living in Otter Creek township.

The boyhood and youth of Andrew P. Hollander were spent in the fatherland but when he attained his majority decided to become a subject of the United States, so left the parental home and took passage for America, arriving here in the month of October, 1876. He remained on the Atlantic coast but a short time and then started westward, his destination being Clinton, Iowa. There he obtained employment as a farm hand, with which occupation he was identified four years, when he removed to Crawford county, where he continued in the same work for another two years. He possessed the thrifty, energetic nature which characterizes the Teutonic nation and during this period had accumulated the capital necessary to buy land. In 1882 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres where he immediately engaged in general farming, devoting a great deal of attention, however, to the breeding and raising of Hereford cattle. During the next twenty-five years he tirelessly applied himself to acquiring a competence which would enable him to live retired in the latter years

of his life, and toward this end concentrated all of his energies with most gratifying success. He sold his farm in 1907 and moved to Schleswig, where he enjoys the society of his old friends and the comforts awarded him as the result of his earlier self-denial.

Mr. Hollander's preparations for a home had their culmination in his marriage on the 3d of September, 1882, to Miss Albertina Stegemann. Eleven children were born unto her parents, Edward and Caroline (Rohdy) Stegemann, their order of birth being as follows: Augusta, the widow of John B. Dorfler, of Crawford county; William, living in Otter Creek township; Wilhelmina, who resides in Schleswig; Ernest, also living in this county; Otilie, who became the wife of John Reimers, of Otter Creek township; Albertina, the wife of Andrew P. Hollander; Otto, living in Otter Creek township; Gustav, a resident of North Platte, Nebraska; Albert, who lives in Schleswig; and the two youngest, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Hollander became the parents of six children but only four are now living, Mary, the eldest, and the sixth, an infant, having died. The others are as follows: Otto, Laura, Caroline, and Minnie. The last named is now the wife of Henry A. Klotz.

Their faith is that of the Lutheran denomination, with which they are identified by membership. Mr. Hollander ever since acquiring the rights of franchise through naturalization has most ardently supported the candidates and principles of the democratic party. He always takes an active interest in all local political issues and has served in many of the minor township offices. He has met with more than average success in his various pursuits since becoming a citizen of the United States, and has never felt cause to regret the transference of his governmental allegiance.

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#### HENRY SCHOESSLER.

Twenty-five years ago Henry Schoessler arrived in Crawford county and since his boyhood he has been actively connected with agricultural pursuits in this county. He is now the owner of a valuable farm in West Side township which yields rich harvests and under his skillful management is each year increasing in value. Like many other prosperous farmers of Iowa, he is a native of Germany, born March 18, 1872, a son of Conrad and Dora (Simon) Schoessler. The family emigrated to America in 1885 and located in Crawford county, Iowa. The father, who was a farmer, passed away June 6, 1905, but the beloved mother is still living and makes her home at West Side. There were eight children in their family, five of whom survive.

Henry Schoessler received his early education in the excellent public schools of Germany and came with his parents to Crawford county at the age of thirteen. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and in 1903 purchased the place which he now owns on section 23, West Side township. It comprises two hundred and forty acres and being a man of industrious habits and also a good business manager Mr. Schoessler has brought his farm to an excellent state of cultivation and has one of the valuable properties of the township. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock for the market.

In 1900 Mr. Schoessler was united in marriage to Miss Anna Bornhoft, who was born in Germany, April 21, 1881, and is a daughter of John and Bertha Bornhoft. She came to America with her parents, who are now living in this county. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Schoessler: Walter H., who was born July 7, 1901; Hattie A., born July 28, 1903; Arthur C., born November 24, 1904; and Leonard, born May 16, 1906.

Mr. Schoessler is blessed with genial social qualities and has made many friends in Crawford county, where he has lived for more than twenty-five years. He is at the head of a hospitable home and is in the enjoyment of an abundance which is the direct result of his unswerving industry and perseverance. Politically he is allied with the democratic party and is an earnest supporter of that organization. Fraternally he holds membership in Lodge No. 2991, M. W. A., and is now serving as escort in that order. He is also a member of the Masonic lodge at West Side and he and his wife are valued members of the Lutheran church.

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### CHARLES KOLLS.

Through well directed energy Charles Kolls has become the owner of a productive farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 35, Hanover township, which yields a handsome revenue each year. Everything about the place gives evidence of thoughtful attention and Mr. Kolls justly ranks as one of the most thorough farmers of the township. He was born at Clinton, Iowa, January 1, 1875, a son of Rudolph and Elizabeth Kolls, both of whom were natives of Germany. The parents were married in their native land and came to America in the latter part of the '60s. The father worked in a sawmill in Clinton county, Iowa, for six years and then moved to Crawford county and purchased a farm of eighty acres in Goodrich township, later adding forty acres, which he cultivated thoroughly, developing it into one of the valuable properties of the township. In 1903 he retired to Denison and there continued until his death, which occurred November 28, 1908, his wife passing away May 17, 1893. There were nine children in their family, namely: Elizabeth, now the wife of John Brown, of Denison; Annie, the wife of Julius Jensen, of South Dakota; Henry, of Crawford county; Charles, the subject of this review; Edward, also of Crawford county; Rudolph, of South Dakota; and Anna, Margaret and Charley, all of whom are deceased.

Charles Kolls was reared upon the home farm and educated in the district schools, continuing under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age, when he began farming on his own account by renting land and conducted his affairs so successfully that after six years he purchased the farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 35, Hanover township, which he has since owned. He raises the various cereals and also raises stock, using his entire crop in this way. His farm is highly improved and under his skillful care is each year becoming more valuable.

On the 29th of December, 1897, Mr. Kolls was united in marriage to Miss Anna Blunk, who was born in Germany, April 22, 1880, a daughter of John and

Anna (Moeller) Blunk. Her parents came to America in 1882 and for five years the father worked out in Crawford county. He has since farmed upon rented land. The family consisted of eleven children, eight of whom are now living, namely: Minnie, the wife of Herman Berk, of Crawford county; Anna, now Mrs. Charles Kolls; Charley, also of Crawford county; John, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Dora, the wife of Max Quandt, of Crawford county; Mary, now Mrs. John Vogt, of this county; Emma, Huldah and Willie, who are living at home; and Elizabeth and George, both of whom are deceased. Four children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kolls: Malinda, who was born July 30, 1898; Hattie, born September 6, 1900; Bennie, May 6, 1906; and Carl, November 16, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Kolls are valued members of the German Lutheran church and are active and efficient workers in all causes which seek to promote the welfare of this section. He gives his support to the democratic party but has never sought political honors, preferring to devote his time and energies to his business interests and to his family. He is still a young man and the gratifying success he has attained in a comparatively few years in his chosen calling may be regarded as a bright prophecy of further achievement in the years to come.

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#### FRED R. SHIRTCLIFF.

Of the various states that have contributed to the growth and development of Iowa it is probable that Illinois occupies the most prominent position. Thousands of bright young men and women from Illinois have sought homes west of the Mississippi and are to be met with today in every county of Iowa. Among this number should be named Fred R. Shirtcliff, of Crawford county, who was born near Lynnville, in Morgan county, Illinois, April 12, 1856, a son of Henry Shirtcliff, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Shirtcliff removed with his parents from Illinois to Minnesota in 1865 and came to Iowa in 1873, being then seventeen years of age. He received his education in the common schools and continued upon the home farm until after reaching his majority. He then began earning money on his own account by breaking prairie and also engaged in the threshing business for four or five years. Having decided to devote his attention to agriculture and stock-raising, he engaged in farming in Otter Creek township and two years later removed to Goodrich township, where he made his home for six years. In 1890 he established himself on his present place in Willow township and after breaking the land he planted it in flax with very satisfactory results. He has made all the improvements upon his farm and is now the manager of two hundred acres of good land, which is owned by his father. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and being a good judge of stock he handles nothing but high grades.

In 1880 Mr. Shirtcliff was united in marriage to Miss Hattie A. Cady, and they have two children: Frances Almira, born in 1881, who married B. F. Coleman, of Paradise township, and has three children, Alice, Percy and Frederick Roy; and Frederick Samuel, who was born in 1894 and is now living at home.

Mr. Shirtcliff is a man of large practical experience, genial in disposition, pleasing in address and the possessor of excellent judgment and discretion in business affairs. In politics he supports the republican party and is an earnest advocate of its platforms. He has been prominent in the councils of the party in his part of the county and has held several offices of trust and responsibility. He was road superintendent of Milford township while living in Goodrich township and was the first officer in the county under the one township plan to hold that position for three years. He has served as township clerk for nine years and justice of the peace for two years and also as a member of the school board, and he has filled very acceptably the office of sexton of the township cemetery. He is an intelligent man of genial manner who has the faculty of making friends and retaining them. Religiously he is not affiliated with any denomination, but attends all the local churches.

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### JULIUS C. THIEDEMAN.

Prominent among the representatives of agricultural pursuits who claim Hayes township as the place of their nativity is Julius C. Thiedeman, whose birth occurred on the 17th of March, 1878. His parents, Claus and Margaret (Gruenwaldt) Thiedeman, were both born in Germany, where they were reared and married. They came to the United States in 1871 or 1872, locating in Scott county, Iowa, where they remained for two years, and then took up their abode in Crawford county, establishing the family home near West Side. The father was a farmer by occupation, engaging in that pursuit until seven years ago, when he retired from active life. The mother still survives. In their family of six children J. C. of this review is the third in order of birth, the others being: Anna, the wife of John Hogge, of West Side; Dora, who married Herman Hogge, of South Dakota; Louis and Charles, operating the home farm; and Ella, the wife of Henry Barnhoff, of West Side.

Julius C. Thiedeman attended the public schools of Hayes township in the acquirement of his early education and later had the advantage of a course of study at Denison College. He remained at home until twenty-four years of age, when, well equipped by liberal mental training and practical experience obtained under the direction of his father, he embarked independently in agricultural pursuits, wisely choosing the occupation to which he had been reared as his life work. For seven years he followed farming in Carroll county, after which he operated his father's farm for a time. Subsequently he purchased the place which has since remained his home, a tract of two hundred acres located on section 23, Hayes township. With the exception of the dwelling, Mr. Thiedeman has erected all of the buildings on the place, including substantial barns and commodious outbuildings, and in other ways has improved the property, thereby greatly enhancing its value. He is a practical farmer, recognizing the value of progressive methods and modern equipment, and the neat appearance of his place indicates a life of industry, enterprise and thrift on the part of the owner.



Mr. Thiedeman was united in marriage, in 1902, to Miss Anna Kruse, a daughter of Otto Kruse, of Hayes township, and they had three children: Harold; Gilbert, deceased; and Velma. The parents are members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they are deeply interested, and occupy a high place in the regard and esteem of their friends and neighbors. Politically Mr. Thiedeman is a democrat, and he is serving his first term of two years as trustee of the township. Having spent his entire life within the borders of his native county he has a wide circle of acquaintances and numbers among his best friends many who have known him from boyhood, for he possesses in his nature those qualities of sociability and geniality which everywhere win warm friendships and high regard.

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#### MARCUS KUHLM.

One of the representative farmers of Crawford county is Marcus Kuhl, who during the forty years of his residence in Iowa township has acquired eight hundred and ten acres of land, in the cultivation of which he is still engaged. He is another thrifty, energetic and persevering son of Germany who came to America empty-handed but richly endowed with those qualities which enable the ambitious man to dominate the conditions confronting him and win where his less determined brother loses. Suderau, Krempe, Schleswig-Holstein, was the scene of the birth of Marcus Kuhl, whose natal day was the 2d of August, 1845. His parents, Peter and Augusta (Bremer) Kuhl, spent their entire lives in the fatherland, where their eldest child, Cecelia, continues to reside. Seven children were born unto them, our subject being the second in order of birth but the eldest son. The others are: Jochim, who is a resident of Benton county, Iowa; Anna, deceased; Henry, living in Manning, Iowa; the sixth who died in infancy; and John, who still lives in Germany.

Marcus Kuhl obtained his education in the common schools of his native land, of which he continued to be a resident until he attained his twenty-second year, at which time he determined to become a citizen of the United States, feeling assured that better advantages must exist here for ambitious young men than were to be found in the more conservative countries of Europe. Upon his arrival here he made his way westward to Davenport, Iowa, where he obtained employment as a farm hand, continuing to follow that occupation for three years. At the expiration of that time he removed to Crawford county, locating in Iowa township, which at that time contained but two or three families, their nearest trading point being Denison. He settled upon the farm on section 4, where he has ever since continued to reside, and of which only about forty acres were broken, immediately engaging in its cultivation and making such improvements as he could from time to time. Having absolute faith in the agricultural possibilities of the country he increased his holdings as he was able until the present aggregate of his real estate is eight hundred and ten acres, all of which is located in Iowa and Hayes townships. The land is all under a high state of cultivation and contains five sets of improvements with large groves and orchards. The

residence, barns and outbuildings upon the home farm are particularly good, the grounds are given careful attention and everything about the place has an air of thrift and prosperity which bespeaks capable supervision and regard for details. For many years Mr. Kuhl was an extensive feeder of stock but recently he has only prepared about one carload a year for the market. Although he engages in general farming much attention has always been given to the breeding and raising of thorough bred stock.

Mr. Kuhl was married in 1874 to Miss Anna Kuhl, who died June 1, 1908, and they became the parents of seven children: Henry Edmond, who is also a resident of Iowa township; Ida Augusta, at home; Emma Matilda, the wife of J. W. Anthony, a farmer living east of Mr. Kuhl; and Carl H., who is at home. Three members of the family, Ludwig, Ernest and Carl have passed away.

The religious affiliation of the family is with the Lutheran church, and politically Mr. Kuhl is identified with the democratic party. Although he has served in the capacity of road supervisor and school director, owing to his extensive private interests he has been unable to actively participate in public affairs. However, he is known to be a man who can always be relied upon to faithfully perform his public duties and gives his support to every movement advanced for the improvement or upbuilding of the community in which he resides. During the long period of his residence here Mr. Kuhl has seen the prairie of Iowa township give way to well tilled fields and good farms, which have proven to be the realization of his early expectations, in the fulfilment of which he has been an active and prominent factor.

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#### ALBRO E. DARLING.

One of the early settlers of Crawford county, who has been identified with general farming and stock-raising for a period of more than thirty years is Albro E. Darling, who resides upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Ells. He was born in Vermont on the 21st of September, 1848, and is a son of Robert and Johanna (Fletcher) Darling, also natives of the Green Mountain state, who passed away in Deloit, Iowa.

The son of a farmer, Albro E. Darling has always been identified with agricultural pursuits, for which he was fitted both by education and training. He acquired the capital, through his own unaided efforts, in 1873 to buy eighty acres of land, upon which he engaged in general farming and stock-raising. A thrifty, hard-working man, by close application and perseverance he was able to add to his holdings until he now owns one hundred and sixty acres, in the cultivation of which he still engages.

Mr. Darling completed arrangements for a home of his own by his marriage on the 22d of May, 1872, to Miss Rosana Long, a daughter of David H. and Angelia (Thompson) Long, originally of Illinois, and unto them were born the following: Robert, who lives in Deloit; and Susan, George and Emily, all deceased; Harry, who is at home; Daisy, the wife of S. M. Loudon, of Cas-

tana; Annie, who became the wife of Andrew Schwanz of this county; Ida, who married Charles Dean, also of this county; Jessie, the wife of Julius Schramm, of Odebolt; and Edward, Myrtle, Thomas and Earl, all of whom are at home; and the thirteenth, who died in infancy. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, with which denomination the parents are identified by membership. Ever since attaining his majority Mr. Darling has cast his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. Not being an aspirant for public honors or the emoluments of office, however, he never actively participates in public affairs. Although he has not accumulated extensive landed interests Mr. Darling has an excellent farm and such success as he has attained is due to his own effort and well directed energy.

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#### MILLER SIMMERMAN.

Among the representative farmers of Nishnabotny township must be numbered Miller Simmerman, who has been identified with the agricultural interests of Crawford county for over thirty years. His birth occurred within three miles of Birmingham, Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 22d of October, 1852, his parents being Francis and Eleanor (Miller) Simmerman. The father was born in Pennsylvania, from which state he migrated to Ohio with his parents when a boy. In 1862 he removed with his family to the vicinity of Newcomers-town, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where he continued to reside until he passed away on the 16th of December, 1881. His wife was also a native of Pennsylvania, her birth occurring on the 15th of April, 1820, and she had passed the eighty-eighth milestone on life's journey when she departed this life on New Year's morning, 1909. She came west with her parents and taught school in the vicinity of her home until her marriage in 1843. Ten children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Francis Simmerman: David, a resident of Dakota; Jacob, who is deceased; Layton, of Ohio; Leander, a resident of South Dakota; Miller, our subject; Osborn, deceased; Jenkins, who is living in Idaho; Barnette, deceased; Willis, who is a resident of Ohio; and Francis, deceased. The family always affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which denomination the parents were active and earnest members. The father was a class-leader, having united with the church forty years prior to his death and the mother at the age of thirteen.

Miller Simmerman acquired his education in the common schools of Guernsey and Tuscarawas counties, Ohio, remaining at home until he attained his majority and assisting his father, who was an agriculturist, in the cultivation of the homestead. In 1873 he came to Iowa to join his brother David, with whom he engaged in cooperative farming for three years, during which time they also performed all the work which usually devolves upon women, as they were both unmarried. At the expiration of that time Miller Simmerman bought the farm upon which he has ever since continued to reside. He has added to his original tract from time to time until he now owns two hundred and fifty-one acres of land, all of which is under a high state of cultivation and is well improved.

In 1883 Mr. Simmerman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Knowles, who is also a native of Guernsey county, Ohio, and the eldest daughter of John and Maria (George) Knowles, natives of Ohio, from which state they removed to Missouri when Mrs. Simmerman was six years of age, locating in Gentry county, where the father passed away. After his demise Mrs. Knowles and her family returned to Ohio, but she now makes her home at Blanchard, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Knowles were born the following children: Homer M., deceased; Mary, who is now Mrs. Simmerman; Maggie, who married Samuel Downer, of Blanchard, Iowa; and Ella, the wife of William Hold, also of Blanchard. Mr. and Mrs. Simmerman have become the parents of three children: Lucy, Francis and Walter, all of whom are at home.

The religious belief of the family is manifested by their identification with the Methodist Episcopal denomination, while fraternally Mr. Simmerman is affiliated with the Masonic order. The candidates of the republican party have always been accorded his political support, which body has rewarded his fealty by electing him to the offices of school director, township trustee and road supervisor, the duties of which he discharged in a manner highly creditable to his constituency.

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#### FRED H. KUHLMANN.

A promising young farmer of Charter Oak township, Fred H. Kuhlmann has attained his present position through making a good start and then applying himself with a sound judgment and persistence which have yielded very satisfactory financial returns. He is a native of the township in which he now lives and was born December 6, 1881, a son of George and Sophia (Bogheman) Kuhlmann. The father was born in Germany and came to the United States about 1876, taking up his residence in Jackson county, Iowa. After spending a year at his new home he removed to Crawford county and for a year rented land in Charter Oak township, then establishing himself on the farm where he now lives in the same township. He has made all the improvements upon his place and is now the owner of almost a section of land. His wife was also born in Germany. She came to the United States at the age of eight years and was married to Mr. Kuhlmann in this county. There were five children in their family: Fred H., of this review; Martha, now the wife of August Krogel, of Willow township; William F., of Charter Oak township; and Paul and Ferdinand, both of whom are at home.

Fred H. Kuhlmann received his preliminary education in the common schools of Charter Oak township and later possessed the advantages of attendance at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota, for one year. Returning home, he assisted his father until nineteen years of age and then started to learn the carpenter's trade in Willow township. He continued at that occupation for three years and then, having decided to devote his attention to farming, he rented land in Willow township until 1909, since which time he has cultivated the farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he rented from his father. He is

a general farmer but pays special attention to the raising of pedigreed Berkshire hogs, in which he is proving very successful.

In 1910 Mr. Kuhlmann was married in Crawford county to Miss Dora Ketelsen, a native of Germany and a daughter of Peter and Anna (Wamser) Ketelsen. They came to the United States when she was four years of age and located in Clinton county, Iowa, but in 1906 removed to Crawford county and are now residing in Charter Oak township. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ketelsen, namely: Margaret, who became the wife of Hans Dirks, of Jackson county, Iowa; John, of Charter Oak; Dora, now Mrs. Fred Kuhlmann; and Mary, Peter, Clara and Albert, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Kuhlmann is a supporter of the democratic party and he and his estimable wife are members of the Lutheran church. He is a man who is always ready to listen to advice, but he acts upon his own judgment and generally accomplishes what he undertakes. He has found in his wife a sympathetic companion and theirs is a peaceful and happy home. In his life work he has met with deserved success and he has many friends who prophesy for him increasing prosperity in the years to come.

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#### EMIL VOGT.

One of the remarkable features of American life is the rapidity with which young men advance and the responsible positions they attain in the business and professional worlds. Emil Vogt, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, is an illustration of what a young man may accomplish who makes a fair start and possesses the judgment and ability to continue to move forward. Although only thirty-three years of age, he is the owner of a beautiful farm in Crawford county of two hundred and forty acres, and each year witnesses a handsome increase in his available capital.

He was born in Illinois, July 11, 1878, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Jocks) Vogt, both natives of Germany. They came to America in 1874 and Mr. Vogt worked for several years in Illinois, then removing to Crawford county, Iowa, where he purchased eighty acres of land. After developing his place he traded it for three hundred and twenty acres which he made the family homestead. He acquired six hundred and twenty acres in this county, all of which he brought to a high state of cultivation. Since 1902 he has lived retired at Denison. There were ten children in his family, namely: William and John, both of Crawford county; Emil, the subject of this review; Annie, now the wife of John Hildebrandt, of Crawford county; Alvina, the wife of William Hildebrandt; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Fred Fredrick, of Hanover township; Henry, of Crawford county; Emma, at home; and Alvina, the first of that name, and Ella, both of whom are deceased.

Emil Vogt was reared upon the home farm and as a boy became thoroughly acquainted with the duties and responsibilities pertaining to farm life. He attended the district schools and after laying his books aside continued to assist his father until twenty-three years of age. He then rented land belonging to

his father for seven years, and having acquired sufficient capital he purchased two hundred and forty acres on sections 34 and 27, Hanover township, upon which he now lives. He has made many improvements and has gathered about him all the conveniences and appliances most to be desired by the enterprising agriculturist. He raises cereals upon an extensive scale and also pays special attention to red polled cattle, of which he is a great fancier. He is a large cattle and hog feeder, making use of his entire crops in this way, and is recognized as one of the most thorough farmers in this section.

On the 12th of June, 1901, Mr. Vogt was united in marriage to Miss Helena Fredricksen, who was born in Illinois, April 17, 1881, a daughter of Fred and Christina (Steffen) Fredricksen, both of whom were born in Germany. Her parents came to America when young and were married in Illinois, where Mr. Fredricksen engaged for a number of years in farming. Subsequently he came to Iowa and is now the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of land in Hanover township. He retired from active labor in 1905, and he and his wife are making their home in Denison. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fredricksen, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Charles, of Crawford county; Helena, now Mrs. Emil Vogt; Fred, Henry and Gill, all of Crawford county; and Mary, at home. Three children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Vogt, namely: Elizabeth C. A., who was born July 12, 1902; Minnie H., born June 25, 1904; and Edna M., born April 8, 1906.

Mr. Vogt has won his way mainly through his own exertions. He possessed the advantages of a good practical training under his father, which has been of inestimable value to him. He was also endowed with a natural talent for agricultural pursuits, and his work is to him a genuine pleasure, yielding at the same time a gratifying financial reward. He is justly regarded with respect by all with whom he comes into contact. Religiously, he is a stanch believer in the Bible, and he and his family are members of the German Lutheran church.

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### WILLIAM HOWE SCAGGS.

Highly esteemed and respected throughout the community, William Howe Scaggs, who died May 30, 1907, was one of the useful citizens of Denison, whose example of industry and progressiveness still stands as an object lesson to those who knew him. He was born in Newcastle county, Delaware, March 19, 1841, a son of Thomas and Emelina (Roberts) Scaggs, both of whom spent their entire lives in Delaware. There were nine children in their family, six of whom are still living.

Mr. Scaggs of this review was educated in the public schools of his native state and continued at home until twenty years of age. Being an ambitious young man, desirous of seeing the world and also of taking advantage of favorable opportunities for advancement, he went to Benton county, Iowa, and spent the winter there. In the spring he crossed the plains to Colorado, and the Civil war being then in progress, he enlisted in behalf of the Union and served most creditably. Subsequently he settled in Clinton county, Iowa, but after his mar-

riage took up his residence in Denison, where he continued during the remainder of his life, becoming actively identified with its business interests as a carpenter contractor.

In Clinton county Mr. Scaggs was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Allison, who was born in Orange township, that county, in October, 1852, a daughter of A. S. and Rosanna (Betz) Allison. The farmer was a native of Virginia and the mother of Ohio. They settled in Clinton county in 1849 and Mr. Allison entered eighty acres of government land and became one of the leading farmers of the county, adding largely to his possessions as the years passed. The mother died upon the home farm in 1895 and the father in March, 1910, he having then reached the age of eighty-eight years and six months. There were seven children in their family, three of whom are now living. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Scaggs, all of whom are deceased except Birdie M., who is now the wife of Richard R. Robinson, of Milford township.

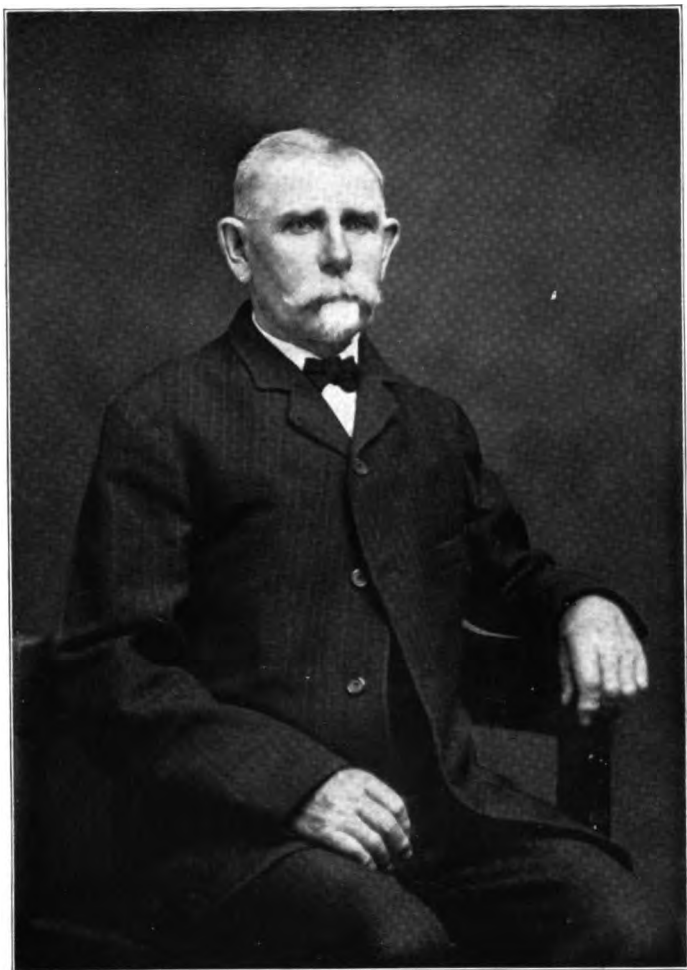
Mr. Scaggs was a staunch champion of the democratic party and was for many years an active worker in its behalf. For a number of years he served as one of the aldermen of Denison. He was well known in fraternal circles, being a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 626; and John A. Logan Post, G. A. R., both of Denison. Mrs. Scaggs is still living in this city and owns two residences, in one of which she makes her home. She is a member of Relief Corps, No. 56, of John A. Logan Post, and takes an active part in its work. She is also a member of the Rebekah Lodge, No. 420, and has filled all the chairs in both of these organizations, being recognized as one of their most active and capable officials. She has spent her entire life in this state and by her unselfish labors in behalf of others has made many friends in Denison.

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### JOHN DIETZ.

When John Dietz, now living retired on his farm in Crawford county, took up his residence in Willow township there were only a few houses between his place and Dow City. The country was largely wild and unoccupied and even the most enthusiastic friends of Crawford county could not have prophesied the marvelous changes which have since been made. It is by men of great perseverance, zeal and untiring industry that the improvements witnessed today have been accomplished.

Mr. Dietz was born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 15, 1849, a son of Casper and Margaret (Sherm) Dietz. The father was born in Germany and after his marriage came with his wife to the United States. They lived in Milwaukee for a while and then removed to Chicago, continuing in that city and vicinity until the death of the father, which occurred when his son John was about twelve years of age. The mother had died five years before. There were seven children in the family, namely: Anna, now the wife of Fred Eggers, of Denison, Iowa; Josephine, of St. Louis, Missouri; Matilda and Margaret, both of Chicago; Frank, who is deceased; John, of this review; and Peter, who lives in Dakota.



JOHN DIETZ





Educated in the public schools, John Dietz began learning the shoemaker's trade, to which he devoted two years, and then spent three years in learning cigar-making. Leaving Chicago, he drove a team for a year on the construction of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in Iowa, at the end of which time he began working on a farm in Knox county, Illinois. About 1881 he arrived in Crawford county, Iowa, and for three years rented land of Judge Dow, then settling in Willow township, where he has since lived. He has developed his farm from the virgin soil and has made many improvements, being now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of highly productive land. As he is a man of industrious and thrifty habits he has acquired a competency so that there will be no difficulty in keeping the wolf from the door during the remainder of his life.

In 1877 Mr. Dietz was united in marriage to Miss M. A. Munson, and five children came to bless their union: Arthur L., who is now living on the home farm; and Phina, Inas, Emma and Nellie, all of whom are deceased. The son Arthur has charge of his father's farm and is handling it most admirably. He was married to Miss Lizzie Bartell and they have three children: George, Lester and Mabel. Mrs. M. A. Dietz died in 1893, and in 1899 Mr. Dietz was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Dora Hare, who departed this life in 1908.

Born in the folds of the Catholic church, Mr. Dietz is not at present an attendant upon any religious services. He has been a liberal contributor in behalf of the needy, and no deserving applicant for assistance has ever been turned unassisted from his door. Politically he adheres to the democratic party. He has served in a number of township offices, having been trustee for about twelve years and also president of the board, displaying in the discharge of his duties the same interest which he has shown in the management of his own business affairs. He is a true friend of education and has rendered valuable assistance to the cause as member of the school board. While promoting his individual success, he has never forgotten his duties as a citizen and as a member of the great brotherhood of man.

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### SYLVESTER LAZARUS JONES.

A beautiful monument in Charter Oak cemetery marks the last resting place of Sylvester Lazarus Jones, who was one of the highly esteemed citizens of Crawford county and for thirty years was closely identified with its agricultural interests. He was born in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1847, and was baptized the following December by Rev. Henry Baker in the Lutheran church. He was the son of Erasmus M. Jones, who was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, April 27, 1824. The father was left an orphan at two years of age and was reared by neighbors. After reaching maturity he became a machine operator in a woolen factory in Pennsylvania. Subsequently he engaged in farming in that state, and in 1880 came to Iowa, making the trip by boat down the Ohio river and up the Missouri to Omaha, Nebraska. He located

on one hundred and sixty acres in Charter Oak township, Crawford county, where he continued until his death, which occurred May 14, 1903. In Pennsylvania he was married February 11, 1844, to Lydia Wheelan, who was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, October 23, 1826. The beloved wife and mother departed this life May 5, 1909, having arrived at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Mr. Jones was one of the prominent men of the community and served as school director and road supervisor. There were twelve children in the family, and the following still survive: Mrs. Susan C. Dieter, of Wyoming; John H., of Charter Oak, Iowa; Mary E., who is now Mrs. G. F. Wirtz, also of Charter Oak; and Winfield S.

Sylvester Lazarus Jones received his early education in his native state, devoting his attention later to agriculture, in which as the years passed he became more than usually proficient. In 1878 he yielded to the attractions of the west and came to Crawford county, Iowa, working at any employment he could find in Charter Oak township. He was a man of great industry and perseverance and was soon renting land and living with his family in a sod house until a more commodious dwelling was erected. In 1881 he bought one hundred and sixty acres at eight dollars per acre on section 22, that township, by paying twenty-five dollars down, but crops were bad the first year and he would gladly have returned to his old home in Pennsylvania but had no money with which to travel. However, he was encouraged by a neighbor, C. Z. Marshall, who advised him to try his fortune on the farm another year. The next season proved favorable and later he purchased one hundred and sixty acres adjoining his original place and engaged on a much larger scale in farming and stock-raising, feeding seven carloads of cattle and hogs yearly. He also bought a ranch of three hundred and twenty acres in Big Horn county, Wyoming, which carries a rich vein of coal. It was his delight to visit the ranch each year with members of his family and there follow his favorite recreation of hunting and trapping. The home is now adorned with many evidences of his skill as a sportsman.

On August 1, 1875, in Pennsylvania, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Nancy N. Bechtel, who was born February 20, 1853, in Blair county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Daniel and Nancy L. (Ray) Bechtel. Her father was a miller and engaged in farming and the grist-mill business, being a well known and highly respected citizen. He was of German and the mother of Irish parentage. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones ten children were born, namely: Lurella, now Mrs. Carl Fish, of Idaho; Dosha I., now Mrs. H. Sterner, of Letcher, South Dakota; Lydia A., who married Carl Sterner, of Charter Oak, Iowa; Emma Marie, at home; Nora A., now the wife of Charles D. Ward, of Sioux City, Iowa; Martha E., who married W. H. Willrock, of Denison, Iowa; Daniel Harvey, who was born November 2, 1886, and is manager of the home farm; S. Walter, who was born August 2, 1888, and is now living in South Dakota; Dorothea E., now Mrs. L. Satterly, of Denison; and Ben S., who was born July 30, 1893, and is living at home.

Mrs. Jones and her children attend the Methodist church. She has twelve grandchildren and also has two sisters living in Pennsylvania, a sister at Danbury, Iowa, and a brother at Marshalltown, Iowa. She recalls many interesting reminiscences of early experiences in Crawford county when she and her hus-

band labored patiently to gain a foothold among strangers. Often Indians came to the door begging for something to eat when she was at home with no protection but her children, her husband being at work in the fields. She experienced the hardships of pioneer life which were in striking contrast with the many comforts and conveniences she now enjoys.

Mr. Jones passed away on his Wyoming ranch, April 11, 1910, his death being caused by the bite of a poisonous insect known as the woodtick. He was a man of broad sympathies and generous nature, who made friends wherever he was known and always commanded the respect of those with whom he associated. He voted in support of the republican party but was never greatly attracted by politics, as his energies were devoted principally to his family and his business. He was eminently successful in financial affairs, was straightforward and true, and his memory will always be revered by those who knew him.

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### HENRY E. DORALE.

Among the prosperous farmers of Soldier township is Henry E. Dorale. Starting ten years ago with eighty acres of land, he has made such a wise use of opportunities that today he is the fortunate owner of four hundred and forty acres of good land in Crawford county, becoming one of the leading men of his township. He is a native of Jackson county, Iowa, born January 3, 1870, a son of George A. and Mary (Dove) Dorale, both of whom were born in Germany and came to America with their respective parents when young. Their marriage took place in Iowa and Mr. Dorale rented land in Jackson county for a few years. He then came to Crawford county and established his homestead in Hanover township. He became the owner of two hundred and forty acres, which under his management was highly productive. He died in 1884, being then only forty-eight years of age and in the height of a useful life. The mother is still living with one of her daughters in Stockholm township and has arrived at the age of sixty-six years. Of their family five survive, namely: Clara, who is the wife of John Quade, of Crawford county; Fred, of South Dakota; Louis, of Wyoming; Henry E., of this review; and Mary, who is the wife of John Maack.

Henry E. Dorale was educated in the common schools and continued at home until twenty-one years of age. He began farming on his own account upon a portion of the family estate, comprising eighty acres, which he cultivated for seven years. He then sold his place and bought two hundred and ninety-four acres on section 16, Soldier township. As his resources increased he purchased more land, becoming the owner of four hundred and forty acres on sections 16 and 18. He is an extensive stock-feeder, being especially partial to black polled cattle and Poland China hogs, and few men in the county have been more successful in their undertakings.

On the 29th of May, 1895, Mr. Dorale was united in marriage to Miss Annie Maack, who was born in Crawford county February 28, 1877, a daughter of Ernest and Mary (Sachau) Maack, both of whom were born in Germany. They

were married in the old country and arrived in America in 1870, taking up their home in Rock Island county, Illinois. Mr. Maack rented land for ten years and then bought one hundred and sixty acres in Hanover township, Crawford county, Iowa, where he established the family homestead. He died in December, 1895, but his wife is still living upon the home farm. Of their children the following survive: Henry, who assists his mother upon the homestead; August, of Hanover township; Emma, who is the wife of Fred Dorale, of South Dakota; John, of Hanover township; Annie, now Mrs. Henry E. Dorale; Matilda, the wife of Andrew Namany, of South Dakota; and Marie, who is at home. Of the other children Christ and Bernhard are deceased and one died in infancy. Seven children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Dorale, namely: Emma, who was born May 6, 1896; Elsie, born November 17, 1897; Fred, born June 11, 1899; Lulu, born February 26, 1901; Albert, born May 15, 1903; Richard, born December 5, 1905; and Paula, who died at the age of two months.

Mr. Dorale and his wife are active members of the Lutheran church. He is a staunch believer in the principles of the democratic party and has served as a member of the school board for four years, as township trustee for six years and is now on his second term as assessor of the township. He comes of good Teutonic parentage and the traits of persistence and application which he has displayed were doubtless inherited from his worthy ancestry. He is favorably known by the best business men of his part of the county, and his record is additional proof of the fact that the man who possesses energy and determination is on the road to fortune provided he is blessed with sound judgment.

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#### WILLIAM H. MEYER.

William H. Meyer, who is numbered among the enterprising and progressive farmers of Crawford county, was born May 3, 1879, in Denison, Iowa. His parents, August and Henrietta (Hardar) Meyer, are both natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States in 1865, and located near Pontiac, Illinois, remaining there until 1874, in which year they came to Denison. Here the father engaged in the hotel business for seven years and then moved to his farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Jackson township, adding to his property from time to time until he now owns six hundred acres of highly improved land, upon which he followed farming and stock-raising. In 1899 he returned to Lake View, Sac county, Iowa, and there purchased the comfortable and commodious home in which he now resides. During the winter season he spends his time either in California or Florida. To him and his wife were born thirteen children, of whom the following survive: Minnie, who married William Haller, of Lake View; Arthur, who resides in Guthrie county; Franz, a resident of Auburn, Iowa; Bertha, who became the wife of John Dorfler and lives in Soldier township; and William, of this review.

William H. Meyer obtained such education as was afforded by the common schools and during his youth acquired a rudimentary knowledge of agriculture upon the home farm. Subsequently he took possession of two hundred and

eighty acres of his father's land, located on sections 7, 17 and 18, Jackson township, where he has since been successfully employed in tilling the soil.

On June 1, 1904, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Miss Lena Christiansen, a daughter of Anton and Wilhelmena (Prien) Christiansen, who now live in Dakota. Their other surviving children are as follows: Julius, who resides in Ricketts, Iowa; Marie, who married William Evers, of Wyoming; Albert, Bernard, Louis, John, Henry and Otto, who are residing in South Dakota. Two are deceased, Carl, and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are the parents of three children, namely: Julius, born January 6, 1905; Elmer, March 29, 1906; and Mabel, October 15, 1909.

In politics Mr. Meyer has always cast his vote for the republican party, while fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and in religion he is of the Lutheran faith. His life has been an upright one, actuated by honorable principles and worthy methods, and he enjoys the high esteem of his fellow citizens.

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#### WILLIAM T. WRIGHT, M. D.

For twenty-one years Dr. William T. Wright has engaged in practice at Denison and in the time named few men have been more closely identified with the progress of the city. He has acquired an enviable reputation and is today one of the leading practitioners of the state. He was born at Lewes, Delaware, September 1, 1856, a son of William and Rachel Weld (Smith) Wright, both of whom were natives of London, England. The father came to America in 1850, or shortly before, and was an architect of Baltimore, Maryland, for a short time. He entered the Episcopal ministry and in 1865 came to Waverly, Iowa, where he preached, later officiating at Nashua, Denison, Des Moines, Marengo, Grinnell, Carroll and Vail. He died at Denison in 1900 at the age of seventy-six, his wife passing away in March, 1910, at the age of eighty-one years. In 1852 he was a missionary with his wife in Africa, where they encountered many hardships and dangers. He was a man of energy, ability and high character and a devout follower in the footsteps of the Master. Our subject's grandfather Wright was also a native of England. He engaged in the mercantile business and married Miss Eldershore. There were five children in their family: John, Richard, William, George and Thomas. The maternal grandfather, James Juneau Smith, was a manufacturer of sauces and pickles in England. By his first marriage he had one child, Eliza, and for his second wife he married her sister, Rachel Eldershore, by whom he had three children: James, Yealing and Rachel. The father of these children died in middle life and Mrs. Smith was again married, her second husband being a Mr. Reynolds, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. One daughter, Margaret, was born to this union. Six children came to bless the home of William and Rachel Wright, namely: William T., the subject of this review; John, Mary and Robert, who are deceased; and Leighton and Alfred, both of Denison, Iowa.

William T. Wright came with his parents to Waverly, Iowa, at the age of nine years and was reared there and in Nashua and Denison. He attended the

public schools and the academy in Bradford; later entering Kenyon College, from which he was graduated in 1878 with the degree of A. B. He then taught school for one year in Crawford county, Iowa, after which he matriculated in the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan, graduating in 1882 with the degree of M. D. He began practice at Denison but afterward practiced one year at Ute and six years at Vail, then returning to Denison, where he has achieved more than the ordinary measure of success. He is a member of the County, State and American Medical Associations, and he is now serving with general acceptance to his professional brethren as secretary of the Crawford County Medical Association.

On the 22d of October, 1891, Dr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Florence M. Brigham, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and a daughter of J. B. and Julia (Fuller) Brigham. The parents were born in Vermont, and the mother died in New York when Mrs. Wright was a child. The father was one of the early settlers of Monona county, Iowa, locating at Ute, where he engaged successfully in farming. He died at Ute in 1890 at the age of seventy-five years. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wright, namely: Winifred Weld, Alma Lucile and Alice Edna.

Dr. Wright and his wife are members of the Episcopal church, in which he is serving as vestryman. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America, also holding membership in the Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Theta Pi college fraternities. In politics he adheres to the republican party. He has been an active worker in behalf of his party and was coroner of Monona county in 1889, also serving as county superintendent of schools of Crawford county in 1896. For one year he filled the office of chairman of the county republican central committee, discharging his duties with an ability that met the hearty approval of the members of the committee. Earnest, energetic and competent in whatever he undertakes, he is also a champion of progress and represents in his profession and in his life the highest ideals. No man in Denison occupies a more honorable place in the estimation of the people than Dr. William T. Wright.

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#### CARL F. KUEHNLE.

Carl F. Kuehnle, a splendid type of American manhood, interested in the various activities—business, social, political and intellectual—which constitute the vital forces of society at the present day, has for years had control of large and important interests, in the management of which he displays notably sound judgment, keen discrimination and powers of coordination. At the present writing he is actively associated with banking interests in Iowa and at the same time has made for himself an enviable position as a representative of the Crawford county bar.

Mr. Kuehnle was born in Dubuque, Iowa, April 7, 1861. The family name indicates his German lineage. His father, Charles F. Kuehnle, was born near Heidelberg in Baden, Germany, while his mother, Mary (Von Eschen) Kuehnle,

was a native of Chur, Switzerland. The father was for many years a machinist, being foreman of the machine shops of the Illinois Central Railroad at Dubuque and later at Waterloo, Iowa, the removal being made to the latter place when Carl F. Kuehnle was a lad of nine years. His education, begun in Dubuque, was continued in the public schools of Waterloo, and he was graduated from the East Waterloo high school in 1878 with valedictorian honors. With a thirst for knowledge he entered the College of Liberal Arts of the State University of Iowa, completing the course by graduation in 1881, while in 1882 he was graduated from the College of Law. In 1884 his alma mater conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree. Since his college days he has been one of the most stalwart champions of the university and his friendship has been manifest in many tangible ways. Immediately after the completion of his law course he located at Denison and accepted the position of law clerk in the office of Conner & Shaw at a salary of fifty dollars per month. His ability was soon recognized and his employers gave him opportunity to work up in his chosen profession. When the senior member of the firm, J. P. Conner, retired to become circuit judge on the 1st of January, 1885, Mr. Kuehnle formed a partnership with Leslie M. Shaw, afterward governor of Iowa and subsequently secretary of the United States treasury. Under the firm name of Shaw & Kuehnle the partnership was continued until 1898, when they were joined by Cyrus Beard and the firm style was changed to Shaw, Kuehnle & Beard. In 1900, however, Mr. Beard was obliged to go to Wyoming for his health and was succeeded in the firm by Jacob Sims, under the name of Shaw, Sims & Kuehnle. Mr. Kuehnle's active connection with the Denison bar now covers over twenty-eight years, during which period he has enjoyed an extensive practice.

Mr. Kuehnle is interested in banking, being vice president and general manager of the Bank of Denison, president of the Manilla National Bank of Manilla, Iowa, and a director of the Commercial National Bank of Council Bluffs, Iowa. He is likewise on the directorate of several other business corporations.

Moreover, Mr. Kuehnle is a friend of education. He has long served as a member of the board of trustees of Denison Normal College, as a member of the board of education of Denison and in 1909 was elected by the state legislature a member of the board of regents of the State University. In this connection the Iowa Alumnus said: "It is a particularly fortuitous circumstance that a man of Mr. Kuehnle's character, ability, energy, enthusiasm and popularity should be chosen as one of the guiding spirits of the gigantic task of university building. He brings to the board a wide and successful experience as a business man. His ability to manage, his business and financial instinct, his quick comprehension of extensive projects as well as his secure grasp of details, are of themselves sufficient assets to make him a valuable member of the board. To this must be added his legal training and his knowledge of the law as well as his oratorical power."

Mr. Kuehnle is indeed well known as a public speaker and has often been called upon to deliver addresses upon public occasions. No movement of Denison that seems to promise well for the city fails to receive his indorsement and cooperation and he has assisted various organizations for the general good. He has been for many years a trustee of the Carnegie Library and has been presi-



dent of the Denison Commercial Club. He was president of the Alumni Association of the State University of Iowa in 1894 and ten years later was again honored by election to the presidency. He belongs to a number of the leading fraternal organizations and is particularly prominent in the Knights of Pythias, having served as grand chancellor in 1893-4 and as supreme representative from Iowa from 1895 until 1907.

In October, 1889, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kuehnle and Miss Lillian M. Laub, of Denison, and they have two children, Lydia Belle and Carl Frederick, aged respectively eighteen and fourteen years. Mr. Kuehnle is one of the most popular as well as one of the most honored citizens of Denison and is almost equally well known throughout the state, having a particularly wide acquaintance among the prominent men of Iowa.

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#### CLAUS GOTTBURG.

Claus Gottburg, who for more than twenty-five years has been a resident of Crawford county and now owns and conducts the largest furniture store in this locality, is one of the progressive and substantial business men of Schleswig. Like many of the citizens of his community, Mr. Gottburg is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred on the 25th of June, 1864. His parents, John and Margaret (Bothmann) Gottburg, had eight children and three of those still surviving are residents of the United States. The order of their birth is as follows: Lorenz, who lives in Germany; Elsie B., the widow of John Holst, of Germany; John, also a resident of Germany; Margaret, who is deceased; Franz, who lives in Germany; Claus, the subject of this sketch; Annie, the wife of Martin Fredrickson, of Otter Creek township; and Katie, who became the wife of Chris Kruse, of Minnesota.

The boyhood and youth of Claus Gottburg were spent in the fatherland, where he acquired his education, but early recognizing the limitations which the caste lines make almost insurmountable in the older and more conservative country he determined to become a citizen of the United States and in 1883 took passage for America. Upon his arrival here he almost immediately made his way westward and located in Crawford county, where for sixteen years he worked at the carpenter's trade. He was a competent workman, ever discharging his tasks with that faithful and conscientious regard for details which is the prime requirement in the upbuilding of any business, and the result was constant employment at a fair and reasonable remuneration. In 1899 he came to Schleswig and established a furniture store and during the eleven years he has been engaged in business has met with most gratifying success. Today he carries the largest line of household furnishings of any store in the county. He has a large and well selected stock in addition, to which he owns the building and the substantial and pleasant residence where he lives. He possesses not only the ability to establish and manage a business but that still rarer gift—the faculty of winning and retaining patrons.

On the 9th of September, 1903, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gottburg and Miss Catharina Klaus, a daughter of Fred Klaus. She is the sixth in the order of birth of the nine children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Klaus, only seven of whom are living, however, the two youngest dying in infancy. Those surviving beside Mrs. Gottburg are: Johanna, who lives in Schleswig; Paul, a resident of Charter Oak; Christ, who lives in the same place; Louisa, the wife of Hans Riessen, also of Charter Oak; Andrew, of Ida Grove; and Daniel, of Charter Oak. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gottburg: John, Freda, Elsie and Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottburg are of the Evangelical faith, being members of the Lutheran denomination, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Ever since acquiring the right of suffrage Mr. Gottburg has given his political support to the democratic party. He has never sought public honors nor the emoluments of office but casts his vote on election day for the candidates of his party. Although his energies have been concentrated along the line of his personal interests, they, in themselves, are of a nature to make him a strong factor in the commercial development of the town, in addition to which he is a man who stands for progress and the adoption of such measures as will advance the general interests of the community.

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#### ALFRED J. CLAUSON.

Among the leading men of Stockholm township Alfred J. Clauson has won recognition by special ability both as a farmer and a public official. He is a native of Sweden, born October 20, 1865, a son of C. F. Clauson, who is a son of Claus and Anna Clauson, both of whom died in the old country. There were eight children in their family, two of whom besides C. F. are now living, namely: Swan A., who still makes his home in Sweden; and Charlotte, the wife of N. P. Ericksen, of South Dakota.

C. F. Clauson was educated in the common schools of his native land and continued in Sweden until 1868, when he came to America, locating in Stockholm township, Crawford county, Iowa. He is now living upon the old homestead, which comprises three hundred acres and is one of the valuable farms of the township, having been greatly improved under his directions. He was married in Sweden to Miss Helen Pearsen, a daughter of John and Sarah Pearsen, and to this union eleven children were born, six of whom are now living, namely: John A. and Alfred J., both of whom make their home upon their father's farm; William, of Crawford county; Edward, of Kiron; Ida, the wife of Ed Anderson, of Crawford county; and O. E., also of this county. The beloved wife and mother passed away in April, 1892. She was a woman of excellent character and many admirable attributes which greatly endeared her to those with whom she was associated. Mr. Clauson is a member of the Baptist church and politically gives his support to the republican party. He has served as school director and road superintendent, displaying the same interest

in public affairs that he exercised in his own business. For more than forty years identified with Crawford county, he is justly regarded as one of its leading and substantial citizens. He has shown those elements of courage, energy and perseverance which are so important in accomplishing worthy objects in life, and his success in his adopted country is the result of the wise application of those principles. He is now living retired and younger members of the family have assumed the responsibilities and labors necessary in the maintenance of the farm.

Alfred J. Clauson, whose name introduces this review, came to America with his parents in early childhood and was reared in Stockholm township. He was educated in the public schools and continued to assist his father upon the home farm until twenty-seven years of age, when he began farming upon his own account by renting land. After two years he rented the old homestead, upon which he has since lived. He makes a specialty of raising red polled cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, and as he understands how to take care of farm animals and handles only the best grades he has met with deserved success. The position he has attained in the respect of those who know him is the result of faithful application and a deep interest in a work to which he is devoting the best energies of his life.

In 1893 Mr. Clauson was united in marriage to Miss Lottie Anderson, who was born in Sweden in 1866. Five children have blessed this union, namely: Edith, Ethel, Ruth, Lillie and Myrtle. Mr. and Mrs. Clauson are active members of the Baptist church of Kiron and are rearing their children in the same faith and also giving them every desirable advantage of education. Politically he supports the republican party and has been very active in its councils in his part of the county. He served as township clerk one term, justice of the peace two terms and is now member of the school board and assessor of the township, having filled the latter position very acceptably for the last nine years. He is a man of high character and great perseverance and he generally succeeds in what he undertakes. He is thoroughly practical in his work and his name is associated with improvement in public as well as in private affairs, no man in the township ranking higher than Alfred J. Clauson.

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#### ERNEST WILDER FELLOWS.

Of the various occupations that have been given high rank by thinkers of all civilized countries, that of the teacher stands near the top of the list. The true teacher is one who unselfishly devotes his life to the noble work of assisting the young to open their eyes to the truth, and it is no wonder that he has since time immemorial occupied a place of honor. To this class belongs Ernest Wilder Fellows, for six years past city superintendent of schools of Denison. Born at Vinton, Iowa, April 29, 1874, he is the son of Elihu and Lottie A. (Wilder) Fellows, both of whom were born in New York state. The father was reared on a farm in Ontario county, New York, and educated at Naples Academy. In his native state he engaged in farming and school teaching and about 1870 came

to Iowa and located at Vinton, where he spent twenty-five years. He worked in a mill and later was deputy county treasurer, but during the larger part of the time followed photography. He now resides at Grinnell. He and his wife are earnest members of the Presbyterian church, and politically he gives his support to the republican party. Evander Fellows, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of New York state and was a farmer of Ontario county. He had three children: Lorinus, Daniel and Elihu. The maternal grandfather was also a farmer of New York. He passed away in middle life and was the father of four children: Sibley, John, Lottie and a son who died in early manhood.

Ernest Wilder Fellows received his preliminary education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1889. He next attended Tilford Academy in the same town, graduating in 1890, and subsequently he matriculated at Grinnell College, from which he was graduated in 1894, with a degree of A. B. After leaving college he taught in the schools of Grinnell for five years, and for four years was superintendent of schools at Clarion, Iowa, coming to Denison in 1905 as superintendent of schools in this city, a position he has since held. He is in charge of seven hundred and fifty pupils and under his administration the schools have greatly prospered and rank with the best in the state, the teachers being active and wide-awake and the course of study skilfully adapted to the ages and capacities of the pupils.

In June, 1903, Mr. Fellows was united in marriage to Miss Adeline (Lawton) Robert, a daughter of Joseph T. and Hattie (Wilson) Robert, and two children have blessed this union, Adeline Harriet and Barbara Blanche.

A thorough and systematic student of educational problems, Superintendent Fellows is a close observer along the various lines of his chosen vocation and also a scholarly gentleman whose field of vision is not limited to America but comprehends all the principal countries of the world, past and present. He is especially interested in human nature and the unfolding of the mind, and he justly ranks high in educational circles on account of his acknowledged ability as a thinker and his success as a teacher and school manager. He and his wife are valued members of the Presbyterian church and deeply interested in all movements seeking to advance the permanent welfare of the community.

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#### EUGENE CRANDALL.

Although he is only twenty-eight years of age, Eugene Crandall, of Dow City, is well established as a farmer and bids fair as time advances to become known as one of the prominent men of Crawford county. He is a native of Panama, Shelby county, Iowa, born July 24, 1883, a son of George and Jennett (Martin) Crandall. The father was born in Hancock county, Illinois, September 9, 1843, and was of English and German ancestry. He was reared to farm life and obtained his education in the district schools. He lived with his parents until he reached his majority, after which he worked at various occupations, finally purchasing a farm near Panama, Iowa. At the time of the Civil war he

responded to the call of his country and served as a private in Company I, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteers, under Lieutenant William W. Williams. He was in the field for nine months and was honorably discharged while at a hospital June 17, 1865. On December 12, 1874, he was married to Miss Jennett Martin, who was born in Whiteside county, Illinois. Four children were born to this union: Maud, Lulu and Ada, all deceased; and Eugene. The father died at Dow City in 1905. He was a man of many admirable characteristics and aimed to perform his duty in everything he undertook. Politically he gave his support to the democratic party and while he never urged his claims for public position he served very acceptably in several township offices. He was a valued member of Parian Lodge, No. 321, A. F. & A. M., and attended the Church of Latter Day Saints, his wife being a member of that organization.

The grandparents of our subject on the paternal side were Benjamin and Rebecca (Lemons) Crandall, who were among the very early settlers of Shelby county, Iowa, and there entered a tract of government land. There were seven children in their family, only one of whom survives. The grandparents on the maternal side were James and Alvira (Spencer) Martin. They were born in New York state and were early settlers of Illinois.

Eugene Crandall possessed good advantages of education in the district schools and continued his studies at the Panama high school, later taking a commercial course at the Normal School of Woodbine, Iowa. He lived with his parents near Panama until 1901, in which year the family removed to Woodbine and after six months to Dow City. He has lived on the farm where he now resides since 1902 and since the death of his father has had complete charge of the place. He has made a number of valuable improvements in the last four years, including an air pressure water system for the house and horse barn, there being natural spring water for the feed yards. He engages in general agriculture and has been especially successful in feeding stock for the market.

On May 6, 1908, at Dow City, Mr. Crandall was married to Miss Winnie L. Wiggins, a daughter of Milton G. and Sarah E. (Hayes) Wiggins. Two children have been born to this union, George Alvin and Evelyn Gertrude. The father of Mrs. Crandall was born at Nashville, Ohio, October 6, 1843, and moved to Iowa in 1860, at the time of the Lincoln and Douglas campaign. He served in the Civil war from September 9, 1861, until August 2, 1865, and was married March 23, 1871, at the residence of H. C. Laut, of Denison, Iowa, to Miss Sarah E. Hayes. She was born July 8, 1851, in Des Moines county, Iowa, and at three years of age moved with her parents to Monona county, the family taking up their residence at Denison in 1866.

Mr. Crandall has ever since he arrived at voting age been a supporter of the candidates and principles of the democratic party. He recognizes his responsibilities as a citizen and has served for six years as a member of the city council at Dow City. He became a member of Globe Lodge, No. 280, I. O. O. F., February 3, 1906, and has held the offices of keeper of records and seal, vice grand, noble grand and past noble grand in his lodge. He was made a Mason in September, 1907, and is a member of Ally Lodge, No. 578. He is not affiliated with any religious denomination, but is friendly toward them all, being an

attendant generally of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has from his earliest recollection been identified with agriculture and stock-raising and the noble animal—the horse—has always been to him a source of delight. He loves his horses and their ready obedience to his slightest command indicates that they appreciate a real friend. He is a man of kindly temperament who seeks to add to the comfort and happiness of all with whom he is associated, being accorded a high place in the estimation of his friends and neighbors. On account of his acknowledged standing and his personal worth he is eminently worthy of mention in this work.

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### JURGEN KOCH.

Among the successful farmers of Charter Oak township is Jurgen Koch, whose place is one of the most productive of its size in the township. He was born in Denmark, December 23, 1865, a son of Heinrich and Anna M. (Jensen) Koch, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Denmark, where they were married and have ever since lived. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Koch, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Jurgen, the subject of this review; Louisa, now deceased; Johan and Christina, both of whom are married and living in Denmark; Marie, the wife of Agner Larsen, of New York; Laura, now Mrs. Lauritz Jensen, of New York; Louisa, of Denmark; Wilhelm, deceased; and Carl, who is married and still lives in the old country.

Jurgen Koch was educated in his native land and remained with his parents until eighteen years of age, when he went to Germany, where he continued for four years. Having decided to seek more favorable opportunities than were presented in the older countries of Europe, he came to America in 1888 and settled in Crawford county, Iowa, working for four years as a farm hand. He was a young man of highly industrious habits and having saved his earnings, he rented land for two years and then purchased eighty acres, which he sold after having raised crops upon it for four years. He had now acquired sufficient capital to enable him to embark in business upon a more extensive scale and he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of good land on section 15, Charter Oak township, upon which he established his permanent home. He has greatly improved his place by the erection of buildings and fences and set out shade and ornamental trees until it is one of the beautiful features of the landscape and it also yields him an income which has made him practically independent.

On the 7th of February, 1892, Mr. Koch was united in marriage to Miss Maria Thies, who was born in Germany, July 12, 1875, a daughter of Heinrich and Marie (Quietmeier) Thies, both natives of Germany. The family removed to America in 1888, taking up their residence in Monona county, Iowa, where they continued until the death of the mother in 1908. Mr. Thies disposed of his farm and is now paying a visit to Germany. There were seven children in his family: Sophia, now the wife of Henry Kiepe, of Crawford county; Fritz, of

Monona county; Maria, now the wife of Jurgen Koch; Carl, of Charter Oak township; Heinrich, who died after arriving at maturity; and Wilhelmina and Dorothy, both of whom died in infancy. Seven children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Koch, namely: Anna, who was born August 5, 1892; Elsie, born May 25, 1894; Laura, born March 20, 1896; Martha, born April 10, 1898; Marie, born May 25, 1900; Esther, born March 30, 1903; and Edgar, born September 8, 1905.

Mr. Koch owes his success entirely to his own undaunted courage. As a young man he dreamed of the comfort and prosperity which he believed could be found in the new world and he had the courage to leave home and friends and begin life on his own account among strangers. His dreams have been realized and he is now in possession of a comfortable competency and is also one of the highly respected men of the community. He and his family are identified with the German Lutheran church, to which they give their earnest adherence. Politically he is affiliated with the democratic party and although he has never urged any claims for office, he has served with great acceptance for six years as assessor of his township.

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#### FERDINAND PAUTSCH.

Ferdinand Pautsch, deceased, was a well known farmer of Hanover township, who was identified with Crawford county for twenty years and became recognized as one of its prosperous and progressive citizens. He was born in Germany, May 5, 1838, received his education in his native land and was married there, continuing amidst familiar scenes until thirty-two years of age. Believing that more favorable conditions existed in the new world than he had met with in Germany, he decided to seek his fortune in America and, crossing the ocean, he went to Chicago, Illinois, where he found work in a lumberyard and also at unloading steamboats for a period of four years. In 1876, having acquired a modest capital, he came to Crawford county and purchased one hundred acres of land, now constituting part of the farm on section 23, Hanover township, owned by his widow and children. Mr. Pautsch was a man of unusual energy and determination and as the years passed he acquired more land until he became the owner of three hundred and sixty acres, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. The sons have added eighty acres, making a total of four hundred and forty acres now in the estate. Mr. Pautsch was an extensive stock raiser and feeder and the sons have continued along the same line with increasing success.

On May 1, 1865, in Germany, Mr. Pautsch was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Nass, who was born January 19, 1844, a daughter of William and Frederica (Schultz) Nass, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America in July, 1870, making their home in Chicago, where the father worked for wages for fifteen years. In their later years they lived with their children in Iowa, the mother departing this life in September, 1896, and the father in 1900. There were five children in their family, namely: Carl, now

living in Chicago; Gustave, deceased; Augusta, who is married and lives in Oakland, Illinois; Wilhelmina, who became the wife of Ferdinand Pautsch; and Bertha, deceased. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pautsch, four of whom died in infancy. The others are: Theresa, the wife of Louis Green; Emil, who was born November 29, 1869, and now lives in Crawford county; Robert, who was born in February, 1872, and is living in Minnesota; George, who was born January 23, 1875, and died April 22, 1911; Ida, at home; Emma, now Mrs. Otto Haebner, of Crawford county; and Charley and Bernhard, the former born August 10, 1882, and the latter August 17, 1884, who are now in charge of the old homestead which they are managing with splendid success. They also own a two-thirds interest in one hundred and fifty-five acres of land in Minnesota and are recognized as among the progressive and enterprising young men of this county.

The death of Mr. Pautsch occurred May 12, 1896, in his fifty-eighth year, and caused deep regret not only to his family but to a wide circle of friends who had learned to respect him for his many excellent qualities. He was a member of the German Lutheran church, as are his widow and children. Politically he gave his undivided support to the republican party, but he never sought public office, as his time and energy were devoted to his family and his business. He was a man of great industry and of the strictest fairness and integrity and one who was always willing to assume his share of responsibility in any undertaking and ready to perform his part in any work that had for its object the advancement of the permanent interests of the community. On March 1, 1911, Mrs. Pautsch and her children moved to a handsome residence in Denison, where they now make their home.

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#### W. H. COOK.

W. H. Cook, who is engaged in farming upon the old home place in Crawford county and has attained a favorable reputation as one of the enterprising citizens of Willow township, is a native of Genoa, De Kalb county, Illinois. He was born October 10, 1874, and is a son of Archibald and Sarah Perkins (Shirt-cliff) Cook. The father, who was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, enlisted at sixteen years of age in the Union army during the Civil war and served for one and one-half years. He was confined to the hospital for about a year as the result of an injury and after receiving his honorable discharge took up his residence in De Kalb county, Illinois, where he was married. In 1879 he came with his family to Crawford county and located on section 28, Willow township. The land was not surveyed and he assisted in establishing the lines which have ever since served as a basis for surveys in this part of the county. There were no roads or bridges, no fences, no ditches, and such improvements as had been made were of the rudest description. He broke the land, erected a comfortable residence and built good barns and sheds, affording ample shelter for grain and stock. The improvements which he made were of such a substantial character that many of them are in good condition today. He con-



tinued upon his farm until Thanksgiving day, 1890, when he removed to Dunlap, Iowa, where he and his wife are now living. He was the owner of two hundred and sixty acres of land when he retired from active labor. His wife is a native of Canada but they were married in Illinois. There were seven children in their family, namely: W. H., of this review; Harry, who is deceased; George B., who is now a traveling salesman for the International Harvester Company; Mary, who is a stenographer at Omaha, Nebraska; Roy, who lives at home; Jessie, who is engaged in teaching school at Dunlap; and Leslie, deceased.

W. H. Cook received his early education in the common schools of Willow township but laid his books aside at fourteen years of age to engage in farming on his own account in Boyer township. After two years he returned to the home place and now has charge of one hundred and sixty acres, which he manages to excellent advantage. He cultivates the fields successfully and pays special attention to raising cattle and hogs for the market.

In 1897 Mr. Cook was united in marriage to Miss Ola Remde, a daughter of Carl and Caroline Remde. The parents were both born in Germany and were married in the old country. They came to the United States and took up their home in Springfield, Illinois, later removing to Harrison county, Iowa. The mother is now deceased but the father is living in Dunlap retired. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Remde, namely: Edward, who now lives in Boyer township; William, who is deceased; Oscar, of Willow township; Ola, now Mrs. W. H. Cook; Victor, who is a general merchant at Dunlap; and Otto, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are the parents of six children: Zeta, Galen, Ethel, Carl, Dorothy and Merlyn, all of whom are living at home.

Mr. Cook and his wife have an unusually interesting family and are making every effort to rear their children to habits of thrift and industry so necessary in the accomplishment of any worthy purpose in life. They have many friends in this section who have been attracted by their genial qualities. Mr. Cook is not connected with any religious denomination but attends the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his mother was a member. Politically he is an earnest supporter of the republican party and fraternally he holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of America.

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#### MATTHIAS LEITZEN.

As a young man seeking to establish a home where conditions might be more favorable than in the old world, Matthias Leitzen came to Iowa and for twenty-eight years has been a resident of Crawford county. His ambition has been largely realized and today he is the owner of a productive farm which under his care has become one of the attractive and valuable properties of Willow township. The success he has attained is the result of his perseverance and good management.

He was born in Germany, December 26, 1859, a son of John and Mary (Smith) Leitzen, both of whom were natives of the old country. The father



MR. AND MRS. MATTHIAS LEITZEN



came to the United States in 1883 and lived for two years near Galena, Illinois, when he died. The mother died in Germany. There were seven children in the family: John, now living in Jo Daviess county, Illinois; Mrs. Gertrude Schones, of Red River Valley, Minnesota; Mrs. Maggie Hennin, also of Red River Valley; Mrs. Julia Saskin, who lives near Charter Oak; Kate, of Canada; Matthias, of this review; and Mrs. Anna Thurman, of Norman, California.

Matthias Leitzen received a good education in the common schools of Germany and after laying his books aside learned the shoemaker's trade. At the age of nineteen he emigrated to America and for five years worked by the month as a farm hand in Jo Daviess county, Illinois. He then came to Crawford county, Iowa, and continued working by the month for one and one-half years. Having through industry and economy acquired sufficient capital, he purchased land on section 17, Willow township, and now owns a farm of two hundred acres, upon which he has made all the improvements.

In 1885 Mr. Leitzen was united in marriage to Mrs. Anna Aldrich, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, and is of German parentage. To them were born seven children, namely: John A., who engages in raising full-blooded stock; Eva, who is the wife of E. H. Sauber, of Boyd county, Nebraska; Bert, Ollie, Alice and Martha, all of whom are at home; and Arthur, deceased.

The beloved wife and mother passed away December 18, 1908. Together she and her husband traveled life's pathway for twenty-three years. She was a woman of many admirable characteristics, whose principal interest centered in her husband and children. Religiously she was a consistent member of the Catholic church, as is Mr. Leitzen. He also holds membership in the camp of Modern Woodmen of America at Charter Oak and as an industrious and successful farmer ranks among the prominent men of his section. In politics he adheres to the republican party and being an earnest friend of education he has served very acceptably as a member of the school board.

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#### HEINRICH EDMUND KUHL.

One of the energetic and successful young agriculturists of Iowa township is Heinrich Edmund Kuhl, who is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He is the eldest son of Marcus and Anna (Kuhl) Kuhl, his birth occurring in Iowa township on the 14th of February, 1878. The father, who is one of the substantial farmers and extensive landowners of Crawford county, has been a resident of Iowa township for over forty years. He is now operating a farm of eight hundred and ten acres, which he has acquired through his own unaided efforts. Seven children were born to him and his wife three of whom Ludwig, Ernest and Carl, are deceased. Those surviving are: Heinrich Edmund, our subject; Ida Augusta, at home; Emma Matilda, the wife of J. W. Anthony; and Carl, also at home.

Heinrich Edmund Kuhl was reared upon the family homestead, acquiring his early education in the district schools of his native township, following which he attended the high school in Manning for one year, then entered the college

at Denison. He remained a member of the paternal household until he was twenty-six years of age, assisting his father in the cultivation of the farm. Under the capable supervision of the latter he acquired a very thorough knowledge of agricultural methods and stock-raising and thus began his career well fitted for the pursuit of his chosen vocation, which he had resolved was to be that of an agriculturist. He first located upon a farm which was one mile east of his present homestead, remaining there one year, following which he removed to where he is now living. Here he engages in general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of feeding cattle for the market. He is meeting with success in his undertakings, the proceeds from which he is turning back into his property, upon which he has made all of the improvements.

Mr. Kuhl was married March 23, 1904, to Miss Carolina Jahn, and they have become the parents of three children: Elsie, Herbert and Melvina. They affiliate with the Lutheran denomination and politically Mr. Kuhl gives his support to the candidates of the republican party. Although he has never prominently participated in township affairs, not being an office seeker, he takes an active interest in matters of a governmental nature. Forecasting his future by what the past has manifested, Mr. Kuhl seems assured of becoming one of the representative farmers of the county.

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#### GUSTAVE GIRARD.

The late Gustave Girard, who for many years was identified with the agricultural interests of Crawford county, was a native of Germany, his natal day being the 1st of April, 1843. His parents, Frederick and Dorothea Girard, were also born in Germany but emigrated to the United States and located in Livingston county, Illinois, where they died and were laid to rest. They were the parents of seven children.

Gustave Girard was fourteen years of age when his parents left the fatherland, in the common schools of which he acquired his education. He was always engaged in agricultural pursuits and before his marriage he purchased a farm in Livingston county, Illinois, where he engaged in general farming and stock-raising for six years and then disposed of his property and removed to Crawford county, Iowa. He bought one hundred and sixty acres of unbroken prairie in Otter Creek township, which he had improved and brought to a high state of cultivation at the time of his demise.

On the 17th of June, 1877, Mr. Girard was married to Miss Eva E. Custis, who was a native of La Salle county, Illinois, her birth having occurred on the 26th of August, 1861. Mrs. Girard was a daughter of Levi and Clara (Johnson) Custis, the father a native of Virginia and the mother of Pennsylvania. The parents located in La Salle county, Illinois, in pioneer days and there the father passed away at the age of twenty-six years. Shortly afterward the mother located on a farm in Livingston county and after residing there for a time removed to Greene county, Iowa, and she is now living in Dallas county, this state, at the venerable age of seventy-two years. Three children were born to Mr.

and Mrs. Custis, all of whom survive. Mrs. Custis became the mother of eight sons and daughters by her second marriage and they, too, are all living except Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Girard became the parents of ten children, as follows: Carrie J., who was born on the 18th of September, 1878, and died on the 23d of December, 1878; Lurenia M., who was born on the 21st of March, 1880, and died on the 21st of May, 1880; Jesse U., who was born on the 10th of March, 1881, and died in Oklahoma on the 28th of February, 1906; Frederick, born on the 10th of August, 1884, still at home; Arthur H., born on the 3d of September, 1889, who is managing the home farm; Lula E., born on the 25th of September, 1891, who is attending college in Cedar Falls; Francis E., who was born on the 27th of December, 1893, and died on the 21st of July, 1894; Nellie E., who was born on the 6th of October, 1895, and is living at home; and Gladys H., who was born on the 7th of August, 1898, and is also at home. Mrs. Girard still lives on the old homestead in Otter Creek township, where she and her son Arthur make a specialty of breeding and raising Percheron horses and other good stock. She is a member of the Christian church.

The republican party and its candidates always were given the political support of Mr. Girard, and, although he was not an office seeker, he always took an active interest in all local campaigns and fulfilled the requirements of good citizenship by casting a vote on election day. He passed away on the 3d of October, 1907, and was laid to rest in the Morgan cemetery. He was an unostentatious, hard-working man, who was absorbed in his private interests and devoted to his family, by whom, as well as the community where he lived, he was greatly mourned.

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### OTTO J. LARSON.

One of the thrifty sons of Sweden who have assisted in the agricultural development of Crawford county is Otto J. Larson, a son of Carl J. and Lottie (Varnie) Larson, his natal day being the 24th of May, 1880. His parents emigrated from their native land in 1882 and on their arrival in the United States made their way directly westward, locating on a farm in Crawford county, Iowa. The father passed away on the 18th of April, 1908, but the mother still survives and makes her home in the village of Kiron. They were the parents of eight children, all but one of whom are living, the order of their births being as follows: Minnie, the wife of Gust J. Larson, residing in Otter Creek township; Charles, who lives in South Dakota; Mary, who became the wife of John Hedstrom, of Sac county, Iowa; John, residing in South Dakota; Clara, deceased, the wife of John Engberg, of Kiron; Erick, a resident of Ida county; Otto J., the subject of this sketch; and Alfred, who lives in Kiron.

Otto J. Larson was but a child of two years when the family came to the United States, so that practically his entire life has been spent in this country. He obtained his education in the common schools of Crawford county and later the text-books gave way to the work of the field. He first assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm but is now engaged in farming for himself.

On the 18th of December, 1902, Mr. Larson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Lindberg, a daughter of Carl and Annie Lindberg. Six children have been born of this union but only five are now living, the eldest having died in infancy. The others are as follows: Howard, Cora, Edgar, Fay and Bernice.

The family attend the services of the Baptist church, the parents holding membership in that denomination. The prohibition party and its candidates are given the support of Mr. Larson as he is thoroughly in sympathy with its principles and policy. He is not an office seeker but is a man possessing sufficient public spirit to feel that the demands of good citizenship require the casting of a ballot on election day and acts accordingly. He is highly regarded in the community where he lives, the comrades of his boyhood having become the friends of his manhood.

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### GEORGE T. GUNN.

A well cultivated and highly improved farm of two hundred acres situated on section 3, Jackson township, pays tribute to the careful supervision and excellent management of George T. Gunn, who has resided on his present place for nearly a third of a century. He was born in Elgin, Illinois, March 4, 1857, and is a son of James N. and Elizabeth (Lea) Gunn. The father's birth occurred March 27, 1826, in London, England, and the mother was also a native of England. They emigrated to the United States in 1853, first locating in Jersey Heights on a place overlooking the Hudson river. There they remained for two years and then removed to Elgin, Illinois, making part of the journey, from Troy to Buffalo, by canalboat. They arrived at Elgin in December, 1856, and Mr. Gunn obtained employment in the harvest fields, working for fifty cents a day and walking two miles to and from his work. In 1858 he removed his family to Clinton, Iowa, where he was employed for the following twenty years, nineteen of which were spent in the machine shops of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. In 1880 he came to Crawford county, having the year previously purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land here. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, of whom the following survive: Ernest J. and George T., who live in Crawford county; Letitia B. is the widow of W. A. Murdock and lives in Chicago. She is president of the ladies' auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of America, which she organized and of which she has been grand president since its inception. Alice M. is the wife of D. Waldhelm and lives in Primghar, Iowa, Jessie married Albert Waggoner and resides near Odebolt, Iowa. The deceased members of the family are Helen, who was a school teacher in Crawford county for ten years, and one who died in infancy. The parents celebrated their golden wedding in 1903. The father's death occurred February 15, 1904, he being survived by his widow, who passed away on the home farm in Crawford county, March 26, 1911.

George T. Gunn attended the public and high schools of Clinton, Iowa, supplementing the knowledge thus obtained by a course in a business college. During this time he worked at the marble cutter's trade for one year and for another

year was employed in the railroad shops, after which he was apprenticed for three years to the carriage and blacksmith trade at Clinton, at which he worked for four years. In the fall of 1878 he drove from Clinton to West Side, Iowa, with his brother and engaged in farming there for one year, subsequently moving on to his father's farm. About ten years later he purchased eighty acres of land, to which he gradually added until he now owns two hundred acres of fine farm land.

On January 3, 1889, Mr. Gunn was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Fothergill, a daughter of John and Mary (Grundon) Fothergill, both of whom are natives of Yorkshire, England. They emigrated to the United States in 1857 and located in Lyons, Iowa, but they are now living in Missouri, the father being seventy-nine years of age and the mother eighty-one years old. In 1907 they had the pleasure of celebrating their golden wedding. Six children were born to this couple, of whom the following survive: Sadie; Charles, of Kansas; George and Grundon, who reside in Missouri; and Mary, who lives at home. Francis, the other child, is deceased.

In his political affiliation Mr. Gunn has always been a supporter of the republican party and in his religious views is a faithful adherent of the Episcopal church. During his long residence in Crawford county, where his time has been well spent and his energies carefully directed, he has aided much in the development and progress of the agricultural interests and his many excellent traits of character have won for him a host of friends.

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### SAMUEL BRASEL.

One of the substantial and progressive farmers of Union township, where he has devoted his time and attention to the development of agricultural interests, is Samuel Brasel, who was born in Morgan county, Illinois, November 5, 1862, a son of David and Mary Anne (Lang) Brasel. The father, who is a native of Tennessee, accompanied his parents to Morgan county, where he continued to reside until attaining man's estate, when he was married and subsequently removed to Cass county, Illinois, when the subject of this review was a small boy. All his life he was employed in tilling the soil and is still living, at the ripe old age of ninety-one years, enjoying the rest that comes after a long span of time spent in honest toil. His wife was born in Morgan county, Illinois, where her father was one of the early settlers. Unto this couple were born ten children, of whom all but one survive, as follows: William, Edward, Frank, Smith, and Howard, who are farming in Cass county, Illinois; George, a farmer living near Amboy, Illinois; Clarke, who is a foundryman in Beardstown, Illinois; Charles, who is a telephone owner in Ashland, Illinois; and Samuel, the subject of this review. The mother's death occurred in 1909.

After acquiring such education as could be obtained in the common schools of Cass county, Illinois, Samuel Brasel remained on the home farm until he was twenty-two years old, when he hired out by the month for one year and then farmed for the following five years on his own responsibility. At the end of



that period he removed to Crawford county, first locating in Washington township, where he rented a farm of S. H. Peterfish, of Virginia, Illinois, and there for the ensuing sixteen years continued to follow general farming. He then bought the first land purchased on section 24, Union township, it being the south-east quarter of the section, comprising one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he has made all the necessary improvements with the exception of the house.

Mr. Brasel was married in 1889 to Miss Lavinia Anderson, a daughter of Lee W. and Diana Lefeldt (Coundiff) Anderson, both of whom were born in Illinois. They were the parents of ten children, of whom eight are still living, as follows: Lavinia; George William, who lives in Herbig, Illinois; Frances, who became the wife of Charles Redshaw and resides in Schuyler county, Illinois; Charles M., Gilbert, Laura and Henry, who also live in Schuyler county; and Lucy, who is at home with her mother. The death of Mr. Anderson occurred in 1910. To Mr. and Mrs. Brasel have been born the following ten children: Luther, Edith, Elmer, Leslie, Edna, Zella, Nellie, Earl, Mary and Samuel, all of whom make their home under the parental roof.

In politics Mr. Brasel is a stanch republican and fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. They are estimable people and enjoy the high regard of a wide circle of friends.

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#### WILLIAM BRETTHAUER.

Judged by the standard of industry, perseverance and sound management, William Bretthauer, of Charter Oak, is one of the fortunate citizens of Crawford county. He is also the owner of one of the highly productive farms of the township and is recognized as one of the valuable members of an intelligent community. He owes his present happy condition entirely to his own exertions.

He is a native of Clinton county, Iowa, born May 5, 1865, a son of Christian and Mina (Plough) Bretthauer, both of whom were born in Germany. They were married in America and came to Iowa in 1851, spending the first two years in this state in Jackson county. They then removed to Clinton county, where Mr. Bretthauer engaged in farming until his youngest heir became of age. He died in August, 1873. The mother is still living on the old homestead with one of her sons and has now reached the age of seventy-one years. Nine children were born to them, namely: August, now deceased; Henry, of Monona county, Iowa; Emma, the wife of Julia Brodersen, of Huron, South Dakota; Anna, who died at the age of three years; Herman, of Clinton county; William, the subject of this review; Minnie, now the wife of Martin Petersen, of Preston, Iowa; Louis, who is living on the old homestead in Clinton county; and Charley, who died at the age of twenty-seven years.

William Bretthauer was reared upon his father's farm and possessed advantages of education in the district schools of the neighborhood. He remained at home until twenty-two years of age and then worked for wages for three years. In 1890 he purchased eighty acres which constitutes a part of the farm

that he now owns and has since made further additions until his farm comprises one hundred and eighty acres of well cultivated land. He has followed a wise and judicious system of mixed farming, dividing the risks and profits among varied interests rather than staking it all upon one enterprise. He is a fancier of shorthorn cattle and also feeds cattle and hogs for market, using all his grain in this way. He has shown excellent judgment in business and as his stock meets with a ready sale, his resources each year represent a gratifying increase.

In 1890 Mr. Bretthauer was united in marriage to Miss Emma Fehmerling, who was born in Germany, February 23, 1868, a daughter of Gottlieb and Sophia (Kramer) Fehmerling. They came to America in 1884, first stopping in Chicago, and two years later settled in Crawford county, Iowa, where the father operated a brickyard. In 1893 he moved to Hanover township, where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1901, the mother passing away in November, 1906. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fehmerling, namely: Freda, the widow of Charles Schelm, of Denison, Iowa; Emma, now Mrs. William Bretthauer; Gottlieb, of Nebraska; and Dorothea, Johanna, Gustave, Wilhelm, Louise, Charles, Henry and Augusta, all of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bretthauer have seven children: Lulu, who was born October 11, 1891, and is now attending college at Denison; Edna, who was born October 28, 1893, and will enter college in the fall of 1911; Carl, who was born July 15, 1895, and is now a student of the Charter Oak high school; Martin, who was born September 13, 1896, and is now finishing the German course in school; Anna, born July 29, 1900; Ruth, born March 14, 1904; and Mildred, born April 14, 1907.

Mr. Bretthauer is greatly interested in education, as is also his wife, and they are giving their children the very best advantages available, thus preparing them thoroughly for the great battle of life. Alert, enterprising and efficient, Mr. Bretthauer uses his best energies in everything he undertakes and never allows himself to be cast down by difficulties. This is the secret of his success. He and his wife are consistent members of the German Lutheran church and firm believers in the authority and inspiration of the Bible. Politically he casts his vote in support of the democratic party.

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#### OTTO C. BAAK.

No record of Soldier township would be complete without mention of Otto C. Baak, who as an energetic and capable citizen has won a substantial place in the community. He was born in the township where he now lives, September 12, 1885, a son of Carl and Frederika (Wittkopf) Baak, both of whom were born in Germany. The father was one of a family of six children, of whom two are still living in Germany. The four who came to America were: August and William, both of whom are deceased; Sophia, of Detroit, Michigan; and Carl. The last named was married in the old country and arrived in America with his wife in 1884, coming to Soldier township, Crawford county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming for two years. He then purchased the place which

became the family homestead and cultivated it to good advantage until 1906, since which time he and his wife have lived retired at Charter Oak. To them five children were born: August, of Ricketts, Iowa; William and Herman, both of South Dakota; Adolphine, who is now the wife of Herman Wieschoff, of Terril, Iowa; and Otto C., of this review.

Otto C. Baak received his early education in the district schools of Soldier township and as he grew to manhood applied himself diligently to agriculture and stock-raising upon the home farm. At the age of twenty he rented land for two years and then bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he now owns. It is located on section 33, Soldier township, and is one of the well improved places of the locality. He carries on general farming and also raises good grades of stock. He is diligent and persevering and through legitimate channels has attained prosperity.

On the 14th of December, 1904, Mr. Baak was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Maas, who was born in Charter Oak township, April 10, 1883, a daughter of Carl and Christina (Krueger) Maas. The parents were born in Germany and came to America in 1870. After living for a while in Chicago, Illinois, they arrived in Crawford county, where Mr. Maas rented land, applying himself so successfully to his work that he is now the owner of a beautiful farm in Charter Oak township. There were thirteen children in the family, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: William, of Crawford county; Martha, now the wife of Fred Kuhlmann, of this county; Augusta, now Mrs. Otto C. Baak; Elizabeth, who lives in Crawford county; Emma, the wife of Edward Meyer, also of this county; Alvina, the wife of Henry Rhode; Herman, of Monona county; Max, who is still at home; and Carl, Bertha and Louisa, deceased. Two children have come to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baak: Meta A. A., who was born October 27, 1905; and Julius H. M. E., born July 18, 1907.

Mr. Baak is now fairly started in his life work and as he possesses in a goodly measure the elements of zeal and persistence in whatever he undertakes there is no doubt as to his continued success. As a native son of Crawford county he is well and favorably known and is held in high regard by his associates and friends. He and his wife are active members of the German Lutheran church.

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#### GUS KOESTER.

One of the successful farmers which Schleswig-Holstein has contributed to Crawford county is Gus Koester, who is a resident of Iowa township, where he engages in general farming and stock-raising. He was born on the 6th of February, 1871, and is a son of Jergen and Mary (Kohl) Koester, also natives of Schleswig-Holstein. The father, who followed the carpenter trade during his active career, emigrated to the United States in 1881, being followed one year later by the mother. He first located near Aspinwall, Crawford county, where he resided for a year, and then removed to Aspinwall, continuing to live there until two years ago, when he went to Carroll, Iowa, where he is now living re-

tired. The mother makes her home with our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Jergen Koester became the parents of seven children, as follows: Fred, who is a resident of Vail; Henry, living in South Dakota; John, residing in the same state; Gus, our subject; Conrad, also of South Dakota; George, who is living in Manning, Iowa; and Maggie, the wife of Hans Voss, of California.

The education of Gus Koester was acquired in the common schools of his native country, which he attended until he emigrated to the United States at the age of ten. He remained a member of the paternal household, with the exception of one year, until he attained his majority, at which time he left in order to begin his business career. For two years thereafter he worked as a farm hand, during which time he acquired the capital which enabled him to settle upon the place on section 10, Iowa township, where he continues to reside. He has made many improvements on the place during the period of his occupancy, having repaired the barn and erected substantial outbuildings and a pleasant residence, all of which are painted white, giving a most attractive appearance to the farm, while he has also constructed good fences about the entire property.

On December 1, 1897, Mr. Koester was united in marriage to Miss Mary Carstensen, and they have become the parents of five children: Louis, Ida, Herman, Hilda and Julius. The family are identified with the Lutheran church and his political affiliation Mr. Koester accords the democratic party. He is a public-spirited man and takes a helpful interest in all local affairs and for the past four years has served as a member of the school board. Mr. Koester is meeting with success in his undertakings, which is ever the reward of earnest, persistent effort when sustained by thrift and industry.

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#### WILLIAM PETERS.

On a beautiful farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Charter Oak township lives William Peters, who is recognized as one of the thorough agriculturists of Crawford county and also as one of its substantial and progressive citizens. Born in this county, August 28, 1882, he is the son of William and Annie (Wendeke) Peters, both of whom were natives of Germany. They were married in the old country and came to America in 1880, settling on a farm in Crawford county. Here they continued until their deaths, the father passing away in 1901 and the mother five years later. There were nine children in their family, namely: Mary, Emma, William, Elizabeth, Annie, Fred, Rosa, Martha, and one who died in infancy.

William Peters was educated in the district schools of Crawford county and remained with his parents until arriving at manhood, becoming thoroughly acquainted with all details pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. At twenty-three years of age he rented land on his own account and continued to operate rented property until the division of the family estate in 1907. He received one hundred and twenty acres as his portion and upon this tract he has made many

improvements. The ample crops gathered every year as well as the sleek looking animals are evidence of his good judgment and thorough knowledge of farming.

On the 20th of September, 1905, Mr. Peters was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Bahnsen, who was born in Crawford county, April 22, 1887, a daughter of Christ and Uldricke (Jensen) Bahnsen, both natives of Germany. They came to America in 1883 and after living a short time at Denison, Iowa, removed to a farm which Mr. Bahnsen rented, subsequently purchasing eighty acres in Paradise township, upon which they established their home. At the present time Mr. Bahnsen is the owner of two hundred and eighty acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. There were twelve children in their family, three of whom died in infancy, the others being: Julia, now deceased, Annie, Rosa, Peter, Emma, John, Minnie, Amanda and Christopher. Three children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peters, namely: Dalie, who was born May 8, 1906; Edna M., born April 26, 1908; and Sadie Leona, born February 26, 1910.

Mr. Peters has not given much attention to politics as his interest is centered principally upon his business. His prosperity is the result very largely of his own efforts, which have been wisely directed, as is indicated by the neat and thrifty appearance of everything about his place and the gratifying results that have followed his labors. He and his family are members of the German Lutheran church and are highly respected by the people of the entire neighborhood.

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#### S. N. SANDSTROM.

Among the enterprising and ambitious young men, who, unfamiliar with either the language or customs of this country, left their native land to seek their fortune in America, is S. N. Sandstrom, whose birth occurred in Sweden on the 19th of April, 1845. He is a son of Nels Nelson and Elna Swanson, who spent their entire lives in the land of their nativity and were laid to rest there.

In the year 1869 S. N. Sandstrom crossed the Atlantic to become a citizen of the United States, believing that the opportunities afforded in America, although they might not be so wonderful as were oftentimes reported, were far greater than in his native land. He first located in Crawford county and after remaining here for a short time went to Marshall county, where he was employed as a farm hand for three years. With much forethought he carefully put aside the greater portion of his meager wages each month and by the end of his period of service had sufficient money to buy land. He therefore returned to Crawford county and bought one hundred and sixty acres in Stockholm township from a Mr. Hamilton. He was only able to make a payment of ten dollars on his land, as the remainder of his small capital was required to buy a team of horses as well as to make necessary improvements. He immediately began the cultivation of his homestead, being the first man in the settlement to break prairie with horses. He engaged in general farming, making a

specialty of stock-raising, and in both undertakings he has met with most gratifying success. He had but a limited amount of money when he landed in the United States, but he had an abundance of perseverance and energy, the qualities which dominate conditions and make for success in any walk of life. Confidence in his own powers and belief in ultimate victory, even when things looked the most hopeless, gave him the courage to attempt greater things. He has added to his holdings at different times until today he owns two hundred and forty acres on section 5, Stockholm township, and one hundred and twenty on sections 8 and 11; and also two hundred acres in Sac county. His improvements are fine and are kept in an excellent condition; his place is well stocked with a fine grade of cattle and hogs, while his fields are cultivated in accordance with the most approved methods, which means abundant harvests that command the best prices the markets afford.

On the 6th of November, 1872, Mr. Sandstrom married Miss Mary Olson, a daughter of Ole and Celia (Anderson) Matson, both of whom died in Sweden. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sandstrom, but the first five died in infancy and the next three, Albert, George and Otto, are also dead, while those surviving are: Nels, Martin and Alice. They are all living in this county, the last one still being at home with her parents.

The family hold membership in the Lutheran church. Mr. Sandstrom affiliates with the republican party, considering that its protective policy is best adapted to subserve the interests of the majority. He takes an active interest in all local political matters and was for a time a trustee of his township. He is one of the well known and highly regarded men in his community, and although he has met with more than a usual degree of success in his undertakings it is deemed but the just reward of honest and well directed effort.

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#### ARCHIE B. CREWDSON, D.V.M.

Although he has engaged in practice only a short time Dr. Archie B. Crewdson has gained substantial recognition in Charter Oak and vicinity as a competent veterinarian and gives promise of attaining excellent success in his profession. He is a native son of Iowa and was born June 10, 1884, his parents being G. W., and Barbara A. (Watts) Crewdson. The father was born in Kentucky and the mother in Indiana. They were married in Iowa and settled on a farm in the western part of the state, which Mr. Crewdson cultivated until 1885, when he removed to Harrison county. In 1902 he and his wife retired to Woodbine, Iowa. He is the owner of a handsome residence in the town and also of two hundred and forty acres of good land in Harrison county. There were nine children in the family, namely: Guy, who is now connected with Buckstaff Brothers, harnessmakers of Lincoln, Nebraska; Lennie, the wife of E. A. Rosenberger, a farmer of Woodbine; Clay, who is engaged in farming in Monona county; Ray, who is now operating a feed store and dray line at Woodbine; Vergie, who died in infancy; Archie B., of this review; Essie and

Bessie, twins, the latter of whom died in infancy and the former is living at home; and Ira, also at home.

Archie B. Crewdson attended the district schools, later becoming a student in the Woodbine Normal School, where he pursued a course of four years, graduating in 1906. He then matriculated in Iowa State College at Ames and studied diligently for four years, graduating in veterinary science June 10, 1910. After leaving that institution he took the state board examination, ranking as one of the six highest. He began practice on the 26th of June at Charter Oak and still continues at that place. On March 9, 1910, he took an examination for the Philippine service and later received appointment from the United States government but has not accepted, owing to his success in his present location.

Dr. Crewdson was reared in the Christian church and affiliates with that denomination. An intelligent and indefatigable student, he has devoted years to thorough preparation for a calling to which he seems especially adapted, and as he possessed every advantage that could be desired he began under the most favorable conditions. His success in treatment of animals has met with general recognition and his patrons are among his best friends. He is regarded as entirely reliable and concerning his skill there is no question. Under the circumstances there is scarcely a doubt as to the rewards that await him in the years to come.

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#### GEORGE MAYNARD.

Ever since he entered upon the active duties of life George Maynard has devoted his attention to farming and his place of one hundred and sixty acres in Jackson township gives convincing evidence in its well kept appearance of his ability as an agriculturist and stock-raiser. He was born on the home farm in this county, October 31, 1881, a son of Henry W. and Julia (Lane) Maynard, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

George Maynard received his early education in the district schools and grew to manhood under the favoring conditions of a happy home. Under his father he was thoroughly instructed in all the details pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. He continued at home until twenty-one years of age and then rented eighty acres of his father, to which additions have been made until he now has one hundred and sixty acres which he has provided with many improvements. He is thorough in every department of his work and having possessed unusual advantages of training in early life, he has made few mistakes and his labors are rewarded by a handsome annual income.

On the 3d of February, 1909, Mr. Maynard was united in marriage to Miss Angie Irene Swartz, a daughter of George and Anna (Nash) Swartz. The mother of Mrs. Maynard passed away September 16, 1887. There were three children in the family: Catharine E., who is now the wife of P. C. Lawrence, of Houston, Texas; Angie Irene, now Mrs. George Maynard; and Anna, who is deceased.

Politically Mr. Maynard gives his support to the republican party as the organization whose principles in his opinion are essential to the permanent

welfare of the country. He is socially well known and is identified with the Masonic order, whose teachings of brotherhood find in his heart a ready response. In religious belief he affiliates with the Methodist church. Active and enterprising, he is highly esteemed by all who know him and especially by his neighbors who are best acquainted with his many admirable traits of character.

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### STEPHEN J. JANS.

Stephen J. Jans, who is justly accounted one of the leading agriculturists of Crawford county, owns and controls one hundred and sixty-three acres of land on section 5, Jackson township, and an inspection of his place indicates his careful supervision and progressive methods. He was born October 20, 1873, in Chicago, Illinois, a son of John and Wiebka (Webers) Jans, both natives of Germany. In 1865 the father came to the United States with the intention of joining the Union forces in the Civil war, but upon arriving here he found that the conflict was ended. He located in Davenport, Iowa, where he earned enough money to send for his wife in Germany and upon her arrival they took up their residence in Chicago, where they remained until 1875. In that year they removed to Carroll county, Iowa, and began farming on a section of land in Arcadia township, where they remained until 1900, when the father retired from active life.

This couple were the parents of thirteen children, of whom five died in infancy. The remaining members of the family are as follows: John, who lives in Minnesota; Annie, who is the wife of Fred Rickers and resides at Jackson township; Sophia, whose husband is James McKinnon, of Chicago; Stephen J., of this review; George, who lives in Sioux City, Iowa; Frank, a resident of Arcadia; Mary, who married Christ Kuehl and lives in Minnesota; and Julius, who resides in Crawford county. The father departed this life in 1906, at the age of sixty-four years, being survived by the mother, who still resides at her home in Arcadia.

Stephen J. Jans obtained his early education in the public schools of Carroll county and at the age of seventeen began working on a farm, where he remained for the following four years. He then obtained employment in the Hayes Township Creamery in West Side, where he remained for five years, subsequently accepting a position in the Arcadia Creamery, continuing there for seven years. In 1905 he purchased one hundred and sixty-three acres of land in Jackson township, upon which he located in 1906 and immediately began to improve the property, which is now considered one of the best pieces of land in Crawford county. While he here carries on general farming, he makes a specialty of stock-raising, giving particular attention to Hereford cattle and Poland China hogs.

On September 11, 1901, Mr. Jans was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Peters, a daughter of C. H. and Augusta (Martin) Peters, who were natives of Arcadia and were the parents of the following children: Lizzie; Mary, who married Frank Jans and resides near Arcadia; Claude, who is on a farm ad-



joining Arcadia; Minnie, the wife of Emil Kaspersen, of Arcadia; Alvina, who became the wife of John Holck and lives in Paulina, Iowa; Henry, who is attending school in Des Moines, Iowa, together with his brother Emil. Mr. and Mrs. Jans are the parents of four children, namely: Harry, born August 12, 1902; Helen, born June 3, 1904; Claude, born July 10, 1906; and Leslie, born September 13, 1908.

In politics Mr. Jans has always supported the republican party but has never sought nor desired political favors. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and in religion he and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian church. He early realized that labor is the strongest force and he so directed his efforts that obstacles and difficulties have been overcome and he has gained a merited place among the prominent and prosperous farmers of Crawford county.

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### JOHN T. CAREY.

Some men are adapted by nature and inclination for public life and are happiest when carrying the gravest responsibilities. What to others would be a burden to them is a pleasure. Much of the important municipal and state business is carried forward by this class of men and to the number belongs John T. Carey, who is now serving as county supervisor of Crawford county and is one of its most esteemed citizens.

He was born in Cedar county, Iowa, June 18, 1863, a son of John and Margaret (Mead) Carey, natives of County Clare, Ireland. The parents were reared and married in Ireland, coming to America about 1848. The father engaged for a time in railroad work in New York but about 1855, deciding that conditions for advancement were more favorable in the west, he came to Cedar county, where he lived for twenty-six years. In 1881 he purchased a farm in Milford township, Crawford county, and took up his home there, continuing on this place until his death, which occurred in 1889, at the age of sixty-five years, his beloved wife passing away the following March, in the sixty-sixth year of her age. They were both consistent members of the Catholic church and made many friends by their upright lives and genial dispositions. There were twelve children in their family, eight of whom grew to maturity: Mary, who is now deceased; Patrick, a resident of South Omaha, Nebraska; Michael, also deceased; Ella, the wife of Joseph Grose, of Wisner, Nebraska; Bridget, now Mrs. Michael Leahy, of Hartington, Nebraska; John T., the subject of this review; Margaret, the wife of Mark Keane, of Norfolk, Nebraska; and Anna, who died at the age of eighteen years.

John T. Carey was reared upon a farm in Cedar county and gained his preliminary education in the district schools, later taking advantage of a thorough business course at the Omaha Commercial College. After leaving school he took up his residence at Denison in 1881 and was appointed deputy county treasurer, an office which he filled for six years, evincing a capacity that gave brilliant promise as to his future. After leaving this position he became county auditor, continuing for six years, and then was elected city treasurer of Deni-

son. He engaged in the real-estate business for two years but again became actively identified with politics and served for six years as mayor of the city. In 1901 he was a candidate for state senator but was defeated. He has filled the office of township clerk and in 1907 was elected county supervisor, to which position he has since been reelected and is the present incumbent.

On the 1st of July, 1890, Mr. Carey was united in marriage to Miss Marietta Greek, who was born November 13, 1856, and is now the oldest living lady whose birth occurred in Crawford county. Here she has spent her entire life and by her marriage has become the mother of three children, namely, John Gail, Lucina Margaret and William, deceased. Sylvanus B. Greek, the father of Mrs. Carey, was born in Cattaraugus county, New York, December 25, 1826, and was a son of Nathan Greek, a Scotch sailor who was lost at sea. In early manhood Sylvanus B. Greek was married, in Whiteside county, Illinois, to Miss Lucina Goodrich, whose birth occurred in Cortland county, New York, September 25, 1836. In September, 1855, they came to Crawford county and settled in Milford township, being among the first residents of that locality. In their family were five children, namely, Cyrus, Seba, Marietta, William and Sylvan.

Mr. Carey gives his adherence to the democratic party and has for many years has been a staunch supporter of its principles. Religiously he is identified with the Catholic church and fraternally he is a valued member of the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World. His wife is a prominent member of the Woman's Relief Corps of the Grand Army of the Republic and in religious faith is a Methodist. They are both widely and favorably known and have a host of friends throughout Crawford county. Mr. Carey is a man of pleasing manners and genial disposition and to these traits may be largely attributed his success in public life. The important offices he has occupied attest his popularity and also give evidence that he has a large acquaintance and a host of friends. By efficiency as an officer and fidelity to the best interests of the people he has fairly merited the esteem in which he is held.

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#### CHARLES J. ANDERSON.

For the past twenty-five years Charles J. Anderson, who is a resident of Stockholm township, has been identified with the agricultural interests of Crawford county. A son of Gustav and Caroline (Danielson) Anderson, he was born in Sweden on the 12th of February, 1852. He is the fifth in a family of nine children, the others being as follows: August, deceased; Anna, the wife of Charles Peterson, of Sweden; Frederick, deceased; Matilda, also deceased; August, a resident of Crawford county; William, of Sioux City, Iowa; Hilma, the wife of A. Lindan, of Sac county; and Clara, who died in infancy. The parents have long since passed away.

In 1879 Charles J. Anderson decided to become a citizen of the United States, believing that better opportunities and greater advantages were here

afforded than in his native land. He first located in Wall Lake, Iowa, and after one year's residence there removed to Odebolt, where he lived for five years. During that time he saved the means requisite to enable him to farm as a renter, and so, removing to Crawford county, he leased eighty acres of land in Stockholm township. He cultivated this land for ten years and then in 1895 he bought it. He has since added another one hundred and twenty acres to his holdings, so that his homestead now contains two hundred acres of well improved and highly cultivated land. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and is receiving lucrative returns from both undertakings.

On the 18th of December, 1880, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Anderson and Miss Augusta Elstrom, the youngest child of John and Johanna (Gripwall) Elstrom, the other members of the family being as follows: Carl, deceased; August, living in Sweden; Ferdinand, also of Sweden; and Reinhold, Matilda, Anna, and Emma, who have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have become the parents of nine children: Hattie, the wife of J. B. Johnson; and Matilda, Emma Christina, Seth, David, Elizabeth, Levi, Mildred and Irene, all of whom are at home.

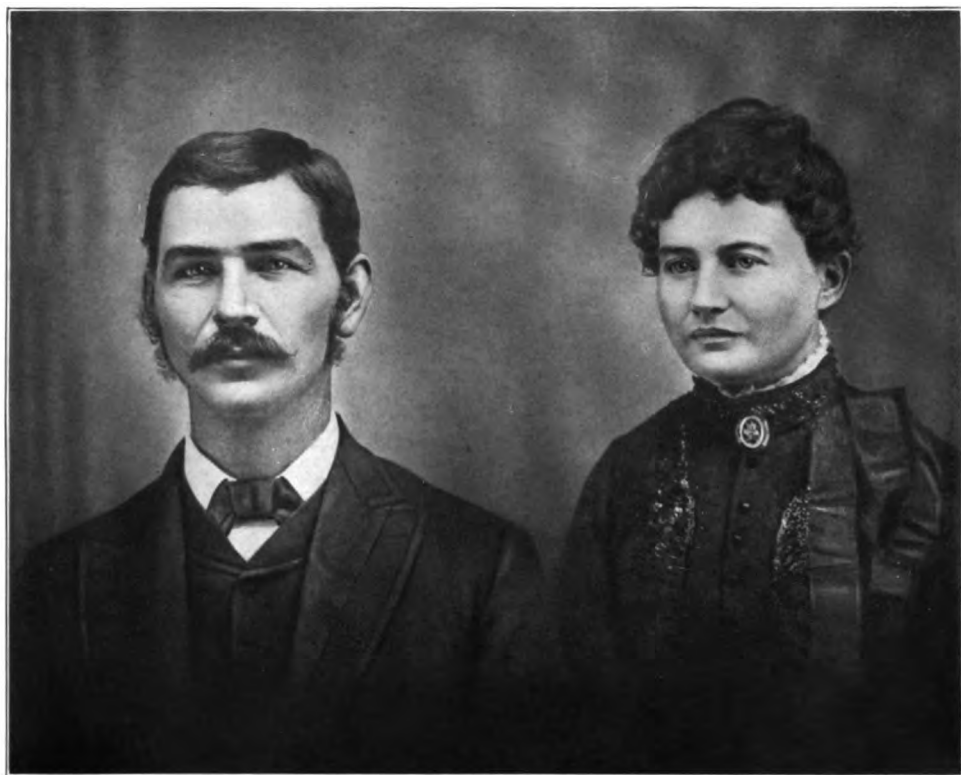
The family are Christians and worship with the Mission Friends. Ever since acquiring the full rights of citizenship Mr. Anderson has given his political support to the candidates and principles of the republican party. He has always taken an active interest in all local governmental matters, having served in a number of the minor township offices, and is one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of his community as well as one of the most successful.

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#### HENRY R. WIEMER.

Henry R. Wiemer, deceased, was for many years prominent in agricultural circles in Crawford county, his farm on section 23, Willow township, being developed under his management until it became one of the most attractive places in that part of the county. He was a native of Iowa, born at Burlington, February 28, 1858, a son of Henry and Helen (Lambach) Wiemer, both of whom were born in Germany. The father belonged to a family of the nobility and studied for the priesthood, receiving a fine education. He left home and was disinherited and came to the United States, settling on government land near Burlington, Iowa. He was married at Burlington to Helen Lambach. During the Civil war he was of great assistance in drilling recruits and was commander of the home guards at Burlington. He and his wife are both now deceased. There were seven children in their family: Ludwig, Henry R., Lizzie, Laura, Helen, Bertha and Emma.

Henry R. Wiemer received his education in the public schools at Burlington and later attended college at Denmark, Iowa. He began his business career as clerk in a clothing store at Burlington and later became a canvasser for fruit trees. In 1882 he located on one hundred and sixty acres of land in Willow township, Crawford county, where he lived for five years, and then moved to section 23 in the same township, there establishing the family homestead. He



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erected buildings and fences and planted shade and ornamental trees, making the farm one of the most desirable in the locality. Being a man of industry and good judgment, he applied himself with excellent results to his work, and as the years passed became financially independent.

In August, 1880, Mr. Wiemer was united in marriage to Miss Ida Lambach, a native of Le Claire, Iowa, and a daughter of Frederick and Sophia (Puls) Lambach, who were both natives of Germany. Her father came to the United States when a young man and was married in this country. Later he became connected with railroad construction, but having lost his health, removed to Texas, where he died in 1897. His wife passed away four years later. They were the parents of four children: Ida, who married Henry R. Wiemer; Gustave, who lives at Boise City, Idaho; Frederick, now a practicing physician of Davenport, Iowa; and Robert, deceased. Five children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wiemer, namely: Frederick, who married Mary Shui-peter and is now living on the home farm; Henry, who married Nellie Fritz and also lives on the home farm; Frank, who lives at home and is a member of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs; Patsy, deceased; and Lulu, also at home.

Mr. Wiemer departed this life on the 6th of January, 1901, and the announcement of his death was received with profound regret wherever he was known. He was recognized as a man of large business ability, upright character and fearless spirit, who seldom undertook anything which he did not carry through to a successful conclusion. He possessed a remarkably clear judgment and his advice in business affairs was often sought by friends and acquaintances, who paid great respect to his opinions. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church and was always a generous promoter of worthy causes. Politically he was a supporter of the republican party. Mrs. Wiemer has remained at the old homestead and is now the owner of six hundred and forty acres of land on sections 23 and 24, Willow township, the work upon the farm being under direction of her sons. She has long been prominently known in Crawford county and is much interested in its continued development. She is a valued member of the Rebekahs.

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### HENRY STAMP.

Among the farmers of German parentage residing in Crawford county is Henry Stamp, whose home is on section 31, Soldier township. He is a native of Iowa, born in Clinton county, March 20, 1877, and is a son of Hans and Anna (Klinck) Stamp. The parents were both born in Germany and were married in their native land. They came to America in 1868 and being attracted to Iowa took up their home in Clinton county, where the father worked in a sawmill for ten years. He then rented land for three years, after which he removed to Dallas county and continued renting for two years. Believing that Crawford county presented more favorable advantages he located here and after renting land for eight years purchased eighty acres. He cultivated his farm for a year and then disposed of it, buying one hundred and twenty acres in

Soldier township. Here he lived for seven years and then sold his property and retired to Berne, Iowa. He died May 17, 1910, but his wife is still living and makes her home with her children, being now sixty-nine years of age. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stamp, namely: Mary, the wife of John Mordhorst, of Denison; Henry, the subject of this review; Mamie, the wife of Hans Jacobs of Bonhomme county, South Dakota; and Peter, Henry, Hans, Anna and Otto, all of whom died in early childhood.

Henry Stamp attended the public schools in his boyhood, receiving the foundation of an education which he has greatly broadened by contact with the world. He remained with his parents until twenty-three years of age and then began farming on his own account by renting land for one year. At the end of that time he purchased the farm of eighty acres upon which he is now living. The soil is rich and productive and yields bountiful harvests. He raises good grades of cattle and hogs, which he is usually successful in disposing of at a profitable figure.

On the 29th of May, 1901, Mr. Stamp was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Johannsen, who was born in Germany, November 2, 1874, and is a daughter of Hans and Margaret (Klinck) Johannsen. Her parents were married in Germany and came to America in 1888. The father worked for wages for four years at Bryant, Clinton county, Iowa, and then came to Soldier township, Crawford county, where he rented land for eleven years. He is now the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres. Of eight children in their family two died in infancy, the others being: Jurgen, of South Dakota; Mary, who died at the age of two years; Catherine M., the wife of Hans Boyens, of Goodrich, Crawford county; Maggie, now Mrs. Henry Stamp; Christina, the wife of William Penker, of Crawford county; and Claus, who is living on the family homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Stamp have five children, namely: Ila A. M., who was born May 31, 1902; Adele Marie, born July 2, 1904; George Henry, March 13, 1906; Helma C., September 29, 1908; and Esther Margaret, March 12, 1911.

Mr. Stamp has not given much attention to politics but he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church and are greatly interested in the welfare of those with whom they are associated. He has been successful in his business and has a practical knowledge which he uses to good advantage. He is a man of unexceptional character and his financial standing is unquestioned. Such men are a credit to their class and to the community which they adorn.

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#### ROBERT W. LOWNES.

Although at present living a retired life in Denison, Robert W. Lownes was for many years actively connected with the agricultural interests of this section of the state, having been a resident of Crawford county since 1880. He was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1843, a son of Isaac C. and Ann Elizabeth (Williamson) Lownes, who were originally from Pennsylvania. The father was a wheelwright by trade and in 1867 came to Iowa, settling near

Red Oak, where he bought four hundred acres of land and engaged in general farming. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, of whom the following survive: Margaret, who became the wife of George Traver and lives in Omaha, Nebraska; Robert W.; and Elizabeth, who married Gabriel Pribble and resides in Louisville, Nebraska. The father died in March, 1870, in his sixtieth year, the mother's death occurring in New Jersey at the age of fifty-eight years.

Robert W. Lownes attended the district schools and worked on a farm near Kankakee, Illinois, until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he was among the first to respond to his country's call. He was but eighteen years old at the time he enlisted in Company K, Fourth Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, under Captain Wooster who had organized the company, and for the following three years faithfully performed the duties of a soldier of the rank and file, whether called to the front or assigned to the lonely watches of guard mount. His first engagement was the battle of Fort Henry, which lasted three days, and he later participated in the battle of Shiloh and in numerous raids and skirmishes. He was mustered out of service with the rank of corporal. After the cessation of hostilities he returned to Kankakee and once more resumed his daily labors on the farm. There he remained until 1867, when he came to Iowa and located near Red Oak, Montgomery county, purchasing his father's farm of one hundred and twenty acres, where he pursued general farming for about one year. He then moved into the town of Red Oak and made that his home until 1873, then went to Kansas, staying there about one year, after which he returned to Red Oak. In the spring of 1880 he came to Denison and lived here for ten years, at the end of which period he rented a farm of two hundred and forty acres near that town, upon which he resided for one year. He next removed to Charter Oak township, where he rented one hundred and sixty acres, and during the ensuing year he rented the entire farm, consisting of three hundred and twenty acres, which he worked for nine years. His next move was to a farm near Charter Oak, comprising three hundred and twenty acres, called "The old sheep ranch," where he resided for nine years and then moved three and a half miles from that farm to what was known as the Pete Farley farm, comprising two hundred and forty acres. This he occupied for only one season and then purchased three acres in the town of Denison and here he has since made his home.

On May 26, 1870, Mr. Lownes was united in marriage to Josephine Cure, a daughter of M. W. and Elizabeth (Davis) Cure. To the latter couple were born fifteen children, of whom the following survive: Catherine, who married Clayton Atwood, of Texas; Mary Ann, who became the wife of W. M. Sullivan and resides in Kentucky; Sarah E., who married Robert Saunders and lives in Kentucky; Adelia, who is the wife of Jesse Powers and makes her home in Iowa; Martha Jane, who married August Werner and lives in Iowa; Josephine; Lucy, who is a resident of Omaha, Nebraska; Alice V., who is the wife of Representative P. H. Boland, of Omaha, Nebraska; and Amanda, who became the wife of Miles Mark and resides in Illinois. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lownes have been born twelve children, those who survive being as follows: William M., of Woodbine, Iowa; Gertie Elizabeth, the wife of Louis Peters, of Charter



Oak; Isaac Albert, of Vardel, Nebraska; Josie May, the wife of B. E. Weed, of Charter Oak; Arthur D., of Charter Oak; Robert L., of Florida; Ernest B., of Charter Oak; Ella, the wife of Alvin Jacobensen, of Arion; and Alice, at home with her parents.

Mr. Lownes is a firm adherent of the principles of the prohibition party and takes a commendable interest in whatever pertains to the good of his community. He has filled several minor offices with efficiency and to the entire satisfaction of his fellow citizens. In religion he is a faithful follower of the Band of Holiness. All through his busy life he has made good use of his opportunities, ever seeking, by unremitting diligence, a chance for advancement, and he stands today as a high type of American manhood whose success in life has been the result of his early endeavors.

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PAUL WILLIAM JAHN.

The possibilities awaiting in America for wide-awake, ambitious and capable young men are clearly illustrated in the success that has attended the efforts of Paul William Jahn in establishing a home in Crawford county. Coming to this state as a boy, he applied himself to farming and is now the owner of four hundred and forty acres, his farm yielding an income which places him and his family far beyond possibility of want. This desirable condition has been brought about through Mr. Jahn's industry and good management.

He is a native of Holstein, Germany, born April 6, 1857, and is a son of John Frederick and Catherina (Groth) Jahn, both of whom were born in Holstein. In the spring of 1872 the family emigrated to the new world and located on raw land on section 12, Hayes township, Crawford county, Iowa. The tract was developed by the father and sons into a productive farm, which is still in possession of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Jahn moved to West Side in 1901 and there he died in 1906, his wife passing away two years later. Their remains were interred in Hayes township cemetery. There were seven children in their family, three sons and four daughters, one of whom died in infancy. The others were: Paul William, of this review; Anna, who is the wife of Claus Anthony, of Carroll county, Iowa; Herman, who is now living on the home place; Maggie, who married H. C. Martins, of West Side; Amelia, the wife of George Buck, also of West Side; and Lina, who is deceased.

Paul W. Jahn received his preliminary education in Germany and grew to maturity under the friendly shelter of the stars and stripes. At twenty-two years of age he began farming on his own account and located on eighty acres in Hayes township, which he proceeded industriously to improve. He has made four sets of improvements upon his land and his farm of four hundred and forty acres is one of the valuable properties of the township. He uses discrimination in his work and gives his attention largely to raising graded stock, which he feeds for the market. He generally succeeds in securing a handsome return each year for his time and labor.

At the age of twenty-two Mr. Jahn was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Lemster, who is of German parentage on both sides of the house. Nine children were born to this union: Lina, who married E. H. Kuhl, of Iowa township; William, of Hayes township; Minnie, the wife of Gus Meggers, of Iowa township; Herman, who lives across the road from his parents; Henry, whose home is on section 35, Hayes township; Amanda, the wife of George Pepper, also of Hayes township; and Louis, Adelia and Hugo, all of whom are at home.

Politically Mr. Jahn is in hearty accord with the democratic party. He is an earnest advocate of education and has served as a member of the school board and also as township trustee, filling both offices with recognized ability. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, in which they were reared. Their children were instructed in the same belief and also in principles of industry and economy, thus preparing them to become valued and useful members of society.

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#### LEVI S. ALFRED.

It is through his energy and intelligent application of business principles that Levi S. Alfred, whose name introduces this review, gained a substantial estate as a farmer. Having become well established he persevered in a work, for which he showed special aptitude, and today he is comparatively independent, spending his winters at his home in Manilla. He is a native of Westport, Connecticut, born June 14, 1857, a son of Lewis and Mary Elizabeth (Scribner) Alfred, both of whom were born in Connecticut. The father removed to Bureau county, Illinois, in 1858 and later lived in Minonk and Odell. In the fall of 1872 he took up his residence at Walnut, Pottawattamie county, Iowa, where for twelve years he engaged in farming. In 1884 he settled at Manilla and was subsequently engaged in the furniture and undertaking business with his son, Ira B. Here he died at the age of eighty-one years. His wife departed this life March 24, 1873, being then forty-three years of age. They were reared in the Congregational church but after coming to Manilla Mr. Alfred united with the Presbyterian church. There were five children in their family, two of whom grew to maturity: Ira B., and Levi S.

Levi S. Alfred lived in Illinois until fifteen years of age and attended the district schools, becoming a student in the graded schools of Walnut after removing to Iowa. He grew to manhood in Pottawattamie county and lived at home until twenty-eight years of age. Starting out for himself he purchased eighty acres of land in Nishnabotny township, Crawford county, but later disposed of this land and for several years rented a farm in Johnson county. Having acquired the necessary capital he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Vernon county, Missouri, which he cultivated to marked advantage until the spring of 1909, when he sold his place and removed to Manilla. Since taking up his residence in this town, he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Meagher county, Montana, but he still retains his residence in Manilla and spends his winters here.

On the 21st of February, 1885, Mr. Alfred was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Brown, a native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of William and Harriet (Norrison) Brown, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. They were residents of Johnson county, Iowa, subsequent to their removal to Cedar county, where they continued during the remainder of their lives. There were nine children in their family: John, Eleanor E., Mary, Emma, William, George, Clara, Ann and Harriet. Six children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred: Mary Eleanor; William L., Harriet A., Robert L., Paul M. and Ira A.

Mr. Alfred was called upon April 14, 1909, to mourn the death of his beloved wife, who passed from earthly scenes at the age of fifty-five years. They journeyed life's pathway together for twenty-four years, in the course of which she greatly endeared herself not only to her husband and children but to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She was a woman of many rare qualities, whose greatest pleasure consisted in advancing the comfort and happiness of those with whom she was associated. Mr. Alfred has always been faithful and conscientious in the discharge of his duties and has attained marked success by the most honorable methods, never seeking to advance his personal interests to the detriment of others. His religious faith is expressed by membership in the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belonged. Fraternally, he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, and while he has not devoted much time to politics, he has supported the men and measures that in his opinion represent the best interests of the country.

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#### FRANK FAUL.

Frank Faul, of Denison, clerk of the district court, is a citizen in whom public trust is well placed, for he is ever found loyal and progressive in citizenship, discharging his duties with a sense of conscientious obligation that makes him a valued official. He has long figured prominently in connection with journalism and was widely known as the owner and publisher of *Der Demokrat*. Indeed, his activities have reached out to various interests, many of which have had bearing upon the general welfare, and in all he has maintained a progressive attitude.

A native of Illinois, Mr. Faul was born in Freeport, May 22, 1860. The family name indicates his German ancestry. His parents, Christian and Elizabeth (Shoch) Faul, were both natives of Germany and in early life the father learned the machinist's trade in his native land. He came to America in the '50s, settling first at Buffalo, New York, while later he resided at Chicago before removing to Freeport. Eventually he became a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa. For thirty-five years he was in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company as a machinist and for seven years worked on the Wabash in the line of his trade. He died in Council Bluffs in March, 1910, as the result of an accident, when seventy-seven years old. He was still active in business at that time, a sound, robust and well preserved man. His widow is still a resident

of Council Bluffs and is a member of the Lutheran church, to which Mr. Faul also belonged. In their family were six children, Frank, Frederick, Martha, Albert, Henry and Kate. Of these Frederick and Martha died in Council Bluffs.

Frank Faul was a lad of nine years when his parents removed from Illinois to Iowa, so that his education was largely acquired in the schools of Council Bluffs, where, passing through consecutive grades, he eventually became a high-school student. He also attended the German day school and in due time was graduated from the high school. He then began to learn the printer's trade, which he followed for many years. In December, 1880, he came to Denison and for seven years worked on the German paper published by Mr. Meyers. In 1887 he joined with several others in forming a stock company for the publication of a German paper called *Der Demokrat*. Some time later Mr. Faul purchased the interests of the others and became sole proprietor of this paper, which is published weekly in the interest of the democratic party. It is an attractive journal, ably edited, and has both a large circulation and advertising patronage. Mr. Faul also conducted a general job printing business, in which the work done was a high expression of the printer's art, but he disposed of the paper January 1, 1911.

On the 1st of December, 1883, occurred the marriage of Frank Faul and Miss Ernestina Brinkmann, who was born in Lunden, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brinkmann. Her father came to America in 1882 with his second wife, having previously lost his first wife in Germany. By his first marriage there were four children: Ernestina, now Mrs. Faul; Carolina, the wife of Christian Otto; Bendix, deceased; and John. After crossing the Atlantic Mr. Brinkmann settled in Crawford county, Iowa, where his second wife died in January, 1910. There were three children by that marriage: Emma and Frieda, who are yet living; and Peter, who died in infancy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Faul have been born three sons and three daughters: Otto, who married Eva Cooley, of Wall Lake, and has two children, Evelyn and Gretchen; Elizabeth, a teacher of Crawford county; Henry, who is a printer in his father's office; Frankie E., who is attending the State Normal School at Cedar Falls, Iowa; and Alfred and Ruby, who are now attending the public schools.

Mr. Faul belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge, the Odd Fellows society and the Improved Order of Red Men and is prominent and popular in these different organizations. For fifteen years he has held membership with Sidoni Lodge, No. 393, I. O. O. F., and for a decade has been its secretary. He likewise belongs to Dowdall Lodge, No. 90, K. P., and Ute Tribe, No. 91, I. O. R. M. He is particularly prominent in the German-American societies of Crawford county and since its organization in 1880 has been connected with the Germania Society, of which he is now president. He is also treasurer of the German Brotherhood, with which he has been identified for a quarter of a century. He belongs to the Commercial Club and is deeply interested in its projects of exploiting the advantages of Denison and of upbuilding the city along substantial and progressive lines. For thirty years he has been a member of the fire department, for a quarter of a century secretary of the hook and ladder company, was treasurer of the consolidated fire department and is now its presi-

dent. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and in 1900 he was elected clerk of the district court, which position he filled for four years. Then, after an interval of two years, he was again elected to the office in 1906 and is still acting in that capacity. Mr. Faul stands as a high type of progressive American manhood and citizenship. He is an advocate of practical reform and progress and has not only cooperated in the movements for the general good but has taken the initiative in introducing many projects, the worth and value of which have been proven by time.

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#### A. A. BARBER.

A resident of Nishnabotny township whose energies have been confined to general farming and stock-raising, in which he has met with lucrative returns is A. A. Barber, who was born in Warren county, Ohio, on the 13th of August, 1857. He is a son of Rockley and Sarah Anne (Tomlinson) Barber, natives of England, from which country they emigrated to the United States during childhood with their respective parents, who settled in Pennsylvania. In 1849 Mr. Barber migrated to Ohio, going back to the Keystone state the following year to be married, after which, accompanied by his bride, he returned to his western home. The first twenty-one years of their domestic life were spent in Ohio, following which they removed to Iowa and located in Muscatine county, where they resided until 1874. They then bought some prairie land on section 11, Nishnabotny township, Crawford county, in the cultivation of which Mr. Barber engaged until he passed away in 1903. He was a shoemaker and had always either followed that trade or worked in the woolen mills until he removed to Iowa, but thereafter his activities were entirely devoted to agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Barber survived her husband for four years, her demise occurring in 1907. Five children were born unto them: E. W., who is a resident of Manilla, Iowa; A. A., our subject; Carrie, the wife of F. A. Brown, of Manilla; Mary, who is the wife of Isaac Hird, of Manilla; and G. E., of Ogden, Utah.

The first thirty-one years of A. A. Barber's life were spent in the paternal home, his education being acquired in the common schools. Subsequent to his marriage he rented a farm of his father-in-law, William Flint, in the operation of which he engaged for three years, and then bought three hundred and twenty acres on sections 11 and 2, Nishnabotny township. The land is highly cultivated and contains two full sets of improvements, all of which are substantially constructed buildings and are in good condition. Although he engages in general farming he makes a specialty of breeding blooded stock and is meeting with gratifying success in his ventures. In addition to his property interests in Crawford county he also owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hyde county, South Dakota.

In 1888 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Barber and Miss Addie Flint, a daughter of William Flint, and they have reared two children, one being Maybel Myrtle, who will graduate from the Manilla high school with the class of 1911.

The religious views of the family coincide with those of the Presbyterian denomination, with which they affiliate, while politically Mr. Barber is identified with the republican party, for whose candidates he always casts his ballot. He takes an active interest in local affairs and served his township as trustee for nine years and has also acted as school director. Both he and his family are well regarded in the community where they reside, and in the social life of which they take a prominent part.

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### JURGEN JURGENSEN.

A native of Crawford county, where he has spent his life up to the present time, Jurgen Jurgensen was born in Hanover township, January 27, 1882, a son of Edlef and Margaret (Bietz) Jurgensen, both of whom were born in Germany. They came to America when young and were married in Iowa. Subsequently the father engaged in farming with such good results that he acquired a place of two hundred and eighty acres in Hanover township, Crawford county, upon which he and his wife are now living. To them eight children were born, namely: Caroline, who married Carl Grill, of Charter Oak township; Jurgen, of this review; Herman, at home; Moritz, who is engaged in farming in Hanover township; and Mary, Edward, Hannah and John, all of whom are living at home.

Jurgen Jurgensen was reared upon his father's farm and secured his early education in the district schools. As he grew up he assisted his father to the extent of his ability and continued at home until twenty-four years of age. He then began farming on his own account on part of the old homestead and as he has been diligent and enterprising in everything he has undertaken, he now enjoys well earned prosperity.

On the 22d of December, 1909, Mr. Jurgensen was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Riemer, who was born in Chicago, June 10, 1891, a daughter of Ludwig and Hannah (Lutz) Riemer. Her parents were born in Germany and married in their native land, coming shortly afterward to this country. After spending several years in Chicago, they came to Crawford county, Iowa, in 1893, and Mr. Riemer bought eighty acres of land, which he cultivated to good advantage until his retirement in 1908. He and his wife are now living in Mondamin, Iowa, where they own a beautiful home. He has disposed of his farm and is now in the enjoyment of the fruits of many years of well directed labor. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Riemer: Augusta, the wife of George Sciford, of Crawford county; William, also of Crawford county; George, who is living at home; Theresa, now Mrs. Jurgen Jurgensen; Anna L., at home; August, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Gustave, who died at the age of three years; and George, at home. One child, Irene H. M., has come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Jurgensen, her natal day being December 27, 1910.

Mr. Jurgensen and his wife are earnest believers in the authority of the Bible and are valued members of the Lutheran church. He has from his earliest recollections been identified with agricultural interests and has shown an ability and progressiveness in the management of his business which gives brilliant

promise as to the future. Everything about his farm indicates careful attention, the buildings and fences are in repair, the stock is of a good grade and the proper rotation of crops has kept up the productiveness of the fields. He justly ranks as a thorough farmer and also as a patriotic and useful citizen.

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### J. H. JONES.

J. H. Jones, of Denison, was born in Clinton county, Iowa, June 30, 1862, his parents being John and Honora (Carlton) Jones, both natives of County Clare, Ireland. The father was reared on a farm and after reaching manhood followed the stone-mason's trade, working for a short time in England. On coming to America in the latter part of the '40s he lived for a short time in Havana, New York, where he was engaged in building railroads and canals, and from there removed with his family to La Salle, Illinois, there securing a contract for the stone work of the Illinois Central Railroad bridge crossing the Illinois river at that place. His work on this bridge still exists. After living for a few years at La Salle the family removed to Rock Island, where he followed his trade of stone-mason and in the latter part of the '50s took up his residence in Clinton county, Iowa. He located on a farm a few miles south of Wheatland, where the subject of this sketch was born. The father died in 1891, when over eighty years of age, the mother passing away January 8, 1905, at the age of eighty-three years. They were both members of the Catholic church. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Roady and Mary (Gavin) Jones, in whose family were eight children, as follows: John, James, William, Roady, Margaret, Johanna, Kate and Mary Ann, all of whom lived to a ripe old age. The grandparents on the maternal side were Patrick and Julia (Dooley) Carlton. They had nine children. James died at an early age, while Margaret, Jane, Honora, Julia, Bridget, Kate, Ann and Patrick have lived to advanced ages. Unto John and Honora (Carlton) Jones ten children were born, five of whom reached maturity, namely: Julia, J. P. and J. H., now living in Denison; William, who died April 5, 1872; and Mrs. Mary Ann (Jones) Connor, who died February 15, 1896. She had six children, those now living being Maud, May, Clara and Marie.

J. H. Jones grew to manhood under the parental roof and received his early education in the district schools of Clinton county. On the 4th of March, 1879, the family removed to Crawford county, settling on a farm southwest of Denison. After reaching manhood he, together with his brother J. P., purchased a farm, which they operated for several years, but he finally sold his interest to his brother and bought a place elsewhere, cultivating it until 1893, when he took up his abode in Denison. Since then he has operated chiefly in real estate, contracting, building and architectural work, assisting materially in the growth of the city. He is recognized as a public-spirited and progressive citizen, ever willing to give his support to any enterprise that he believes will advance the public welfare.

On the 20th of May, 1908, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Bertha McAndrews, a native of Crawford county, who received her early education in the public schools at Vail, but was graduated from the parochial school at that place in 1893 and later entered college at Denison in order to fit herself for a teacher. She successfully followed that profession in the schools of Iowa and South Dakota for a number of years. She is a daughter of James and Lizzie (Molseed) McAndrews. Her father was born in Indiana but removed to Clinton county, Iowa, in his boyhood, remaining there a few years, after which the family came to Crawford county in September, 1865. They settled on a farm in West Side township, when their nearest neighbor on the east was eighty miles away. They were, therefore, pioneers of this county. Mrs. McAndrews was born in Clinton county and with her parents came to Crawford county in June, 1873. She was married to James McAndrews, December 25, 1876, and to them six daughters were born, namely: Bertha, Emily, Lillie, Clara, Jennie and Pearl.

Mr. Jones has been successful in his business affairs and by his genial manner and kindly disposition has made many friends in Denison and Crawford county. He and his wife are sincere believers in the Christian religion and are members of the Catholic church. He is identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Woodmen of the World. Politically ever since arriving at manhood he has given his adherence to the democratic party but is very liberal in his views and although he has never sought public office he served as a member of the city council of Denison from 1904 to 1908.

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#### BENJAMIN F. ELLS.

Among the respective citizens of Crawford county none is more deserving of mention in this volume than Benjamin F. Ells, postmaster of Ells and a well known business man and farmer. He was born in Nova Scotia, June 30, 1846 a son of Benjamin and Eliza (Eaton) Ells. The father moved with his family to Wisconsin in 1850 and located upon a farm, where he and his wife continued during the remainder of their lives. There were eight children in their family, six of whom are now living.

Benjamin F. Ells came with his parents to this country in his infancy and received his early education in the district schools of Wisconsin, later attending college. He assisted his father upon the home farm as he grew up but at fifteen years of age began working as a farm hand and so continued for twelve years, gaining a thorough knowledge of the various details of agriculture and stock-raising. In 1873, having by diligence and economy acquired a moderate capital, he purchased eighty acres in Stockholm township, Crawford county, and five years later took up his residence upon his land, which he proceeded to develop according to the best methods. He first located where the Illinois Central depot now stands. As years passed he acquired more land and is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres, all of which is well improved. He also conducts a general store at Ells and owns the store building. He was appointed postmaster by President McKinley, also serving under Presidents Roosevelt and



Taft and conducting the affairs of the office in such a way as to meet the general approval of the community.

In 1878 Mr. Ells was united in marriage in Wisconsin to Miss Julia A. Knilans, who was born in Wisconsin, and seven children blessed this union, namely: Adelbert, now living in Crawford county; Caroline, wife of Gust Carlson, of Denison; Ida G., now Mrs. J. E. Woolley, of Crawford county; Laura, deceased; Anna M., at home; Iris, also deceased; and Prudence, at home.

The record of Mr. Ells reflects great credit upon him, as he started from a humble position empty-handed and by close application and great self-denial acquired the capital necessary as a foundation for his present condition of comparative financial independence. He has received constant encouragement from his estimable wife, who has been an invaluable assistant and as a mother has reared a large family to become useful and progressive members of the community. He and his wife are connected with the Methodist church and active workers in its behalf. Politically, he gives his allegiance to the republican party and the confidence in which he is held by his neighbors and friends is shown in his election as justice of the peace, in which office he served with marked ability for twelve years.

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#### ALFRED M. CONYNE.

Alfred M. Conyne, deceased, was a native son of Crawford county, having been born in 1866 in Denison township on the farm where he continued to make his home until his death in 1911. He was identified with the agricultural interests of the community for more than twenty years. He was a son of Alfred B. and Cordelia (Martin) Conyne, the father coming from near Watertown, New York, and the mother being born in the vicinity of Lexington, Kentucky. They were married near St. Joseph, Missouri, and the following year they removed to Iowa, coming as far as Council Bluffs by boat and then driving to Crawford county, where the father entered land. They were among the very early pioneers, the deed to their homestead being signed by Franklin Pierce in 1855. Mr. Conyne cultivated and improved his land and had the satisfaction of seeing it develop into one of the best farms in this section before his death, which occurred in August, 1871. He was the type of a pioneer who leaves the impress of his personality on the country in the development of which he has been an active factor. Public-spirited and enterprising, he was one of the citizens who enthusiastically urged the incorporation of the city, assisted in the framing of the articles for that purpose, and at the time of their adoption was the justice of the peace. He constructed many of the bridges which span the Boyer river in the vicinity of Denison.

Mr. and Mrs. Conyne were the parents of three children, who are as follows: Silas, living in Chicago, where he is engaged in business; Alfred M., our subject; and Ada, who was born in 1868 and died in 1873. Five years after Mr. Conyne's demise Mrs. Conyne was united in marriage to William Cochran, of Pennsylvania, and unto this union one child was born, John, who died at the age of six

years. Mrs. Cochran passed away on the 7th of July, 1908, and was laid to rest in Oakland cemetery, near Denison, where Mr. Conyne was also buried.

The boyhood and youth of Alfred M. Conyne was very similar to that of the other boys reared in Iowa in the pioneer days. He attended the district schools, where he obtained his education, performed such tasks as he could upon the farm and enjoyed the recreations indulged in by all young people in the more sparsely settled districts. He spent his entire life on the farm where he was born, with the exception of about eight years, during which period he engaged in railroading. He owned one hundred and two acres on section 13, Denison township, within the corporation limits of the city of Denison. His land was well improved and carefully cultivated, which in addition to its location made it one of the most desirable as well as valuable properties of the county. Mr. Conyne never married and was a member of the Methodist church.

Although he supported the republican party, believing that its policy is best adapted to promote the interests of the majority, Mr. Conyne was never an aspirant for public office, but at the same time he always fulfilled the requirements of good citizenship by going to the polls on election day and casting his ballot for the candidates of the party of his choice. He was a quiet, unobtrusive man, who was largely engrossed in the development of his personal interests, at the same time he gave his support to any movement the adoption of which would be of advantage to the community.

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#### PETER C. HOLLANDER.

Among the energetic young business men who have been active factors in the commercial development of Schleswig must be numbered Peter C. Hollander, who for the past four years has been conducting a men's furnishing goods store here. He is a native of Iowa, having been born in Hamilton county on the 22d of June, 1879, and is a son of L. A. and Annie (Simsen) Hollander. The parents were natives of Germany but emigrated to the United States and located in Clinton county, Iowa, in 1877. The wife and mother passed away in 1907, but the father is still living and makes his home in Schleswig. Unto them were born the following children: Amos, who lives in Nebraska; Peter C., our subject; Mattie, who became the wife of Henry M. Kolls, of Nebraska; August, deceased; Thomas, who is a resident of Ida county; Annie, who is at home; Laura, the wife of William Stegemann, of Schleswig; Bernhart, residing in Ida county; Celia, deceased; and Lilly, who is at home.

Peter C. Hollander obtained his education in the common schools of Iowa, and when he had acquired such knowledge as he deemed essential to enable him to enter the commercial world he laid aside his text-books to assume the heavier responsibilities of life. At the age of twenty-seven years he entered a lumberyard in Schleswig, with which concern he was identified for three years, but at the end of that period he decided to go into business for himself and opened a men's clothing and furnishing goods store. The large patronage which he has enjoyed proves conclusively that his choice was a most excellent one. He carries

a large and well selected stock of goods, the quality of which is always commensurate with the price, while the treatment accorded patrons is such as to invite their return without further solicitation. His is one of the promising businesses of the town and his friends feel assured of his success in the vocation which he has elected to follow.

Mr. Hollander chose for his wife Miss Adeline Lorenzen, a daughter of A. B. and Hannah (Christensen) Lorenzen, of Denison. Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen are the parents of five children, who are as follows: Annie, the wife of John Weise, of Denison; Ida, who married Louis Evers, also of Denison; Laurence, who resides in Gilmore City; Adeline, the wife of P. C. Hollander; and Andrew, living in Denison.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hollander are communicants of the Lutheran church. Ever since acquiring the full rights of citizenship he has taken a most active interest in all local political issues and has been elected to various offices of the municipality. He always gives his support to the candidates and principles of the democratic party, feeling that its policy best subserves the interests of the majority. He is now serving as treasurer of the village, which position he has held for the past two years, and he is also secretary of the fire department, both of which he is filling in a manner which is meeting with the general satisfaction of the community.

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#### CLAUS H. BIELFELDT.

Beginning as a farm laborer eighteen years ago Claus H. Bielfeldt has made such good use of advantages presented in America to young men willing to apply themselves that today he is the owner of a highly improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Hanover township and has practically made himself financially independent for the remainder of his life. His career is a remarkable illustration of the result of perseverance when it is allied with sound judgment and energized by a worthy ambition.

Mr. Bielfeldt is a native of Germany, born March 8, 1869, son of Juergen and Christina (Frahm) Bielfeldt. The parents spent their entire lives in the fatherland, the mother passing away May 2, 1889, and the father March 23, 1906. Mr. Bielfeldt was a farmer and the father of fourteen children, six of whom came to America, namely: Katrina, Anna, deceased, Mary, Ingal, Claus and Henry. Of those remaining in Germany Casslen is deceased, the others being: Juergen, Peter, Fredrick, Henne, Wiebke, Matilda and Christina.

Claus H. Bielfeldt was educated in the public schools of Germany and continued in his native land until twenty-four years of age. Having determined to cast his lot with the people of America, he landed in Chicago, January 1, 1893, and proceeded at once to Clinton county, Iowa, where he worked on a farm for one year. He then began farming on rented land and after eight years purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 27, Hanover township, Crawford county, which constitute the farm that he now owns. He devotes his attention to both agriculture and stock-raising, using up his entire crop in feeding his stock, which

he disposes of at a good price. He has been highly successful in raising Poland China hogs and it is doubtful whether any farmer in the township has shown better judgment in a specialty to which he devotes his closest attention.

In 1894 Mr. Bielfeldt was united in marriage to Miss Catharina Joens, who was born in Germany, September 3, 1873, a daughter of Hans and Eva (Frahm) Joens. Her parents are still living in the old country, the father being sixty-three, while the mother is fifty-eight years of age. There were thirteen children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Joens, three of whom, Catharina, Peter and Hans came to America. Peter is now living in Crawford county and Hans in South Dakota. Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Joens remaining in Germany two, Cecelia and Carl, are deceased; the others being: Juergen, Margaret, Anna, Johannes, Claus, Fritz, Eva and Christine. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Bielfeldt has been blessed by the birth of five children: Christine, at home, who was born November 24, 1894, and received a good common-school education, being able to speak and write both German and English; Juergen, who died at the age of five months; John, who was born June 28, 1897, and is now attending a German school; Elva, born October 7, 1901; and Minnie, born November 20, 1905.

Mr. Bielfeldt owes his success to a willingness to labor and to the thorough training in work pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising, which he received from his father at the old home in Germany. Upon coming to this country he lost no time in finding congenial employment and he saved his money to invest it in land in a rapidly developing section, which is one of the best uses he could have made of it. He sees no reason to regret seeking his fortune in this republic. He and his family are consistent members of the German Lutheran church, and politically he gives his earnest support to the democratic party.

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#### G. C. POWELL.

There is a certain measure of gratification in the knowledge that one's success in life is due entirely to his own individual energy and personal application and this satisfaction is due to G. C. Powell, who is in every respect a self-made man. He was born in Herefordshire county, England, January 4, 1874, a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Powis) Powell. The father died when his son was but six months old, after which event the mother came to the United States, locating in Denison, Crawford county, where her death occurred in 1886, when Mr. Powell was twelve years of age. The latter was left alone in the world with the exception of one sister, Rose, three years his senior, who is now the wife of Charles A. Reed, a prosperous and well-to-do contractor and builder of Long Beach, California.

Mr. Powell early in life demonstrated the sturdy qualities of his character by determining to secure an education, realizing that this is the best foundation for every man's life work. When still very young he removed to Hardin county, Iowa, remaining there for a few years, after which he returned to Crawford county and took up land on section 8, Denison township, where he now owns in the aggregate two hundred and eighty acres of well cultivated land, upon which

he has erected all necessary buildings and has all the modern appliances that are connected with a well equipped and up-to-date farm. Having early become familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil his fields today show the results of an acquired knowledge, his perseverance and his unfaltering industry.

In 1901 Mr. Powell was united in marriage to Miss Lulu Bryan, a resident of Paradise township, and to them have been born four children, namely: Charles, Vernon, Clarence and Robert. Mr. Powell gives his support to the republican party and in his religious belief is a consistent member of the Baptist church. His life has been such as to merit the high regard in which he is held by the residents of his community.

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### BLUME BROTHERS.

The Blume Brothers, W. A. and F. G., have gained a wide reputation as stock-breeders and farmers and are also recognized as two of the most enterprising and progressive business men of Crawford county. As a result of their energy and good judgment they are now the owners of one of the finest farms in the county.

Charles T. Blume, their father, was born in the province of Saxony, Germany, and came to the United States in his young manhood. He worked in various eastern states and then removed to a farm near Streator, Illinois. In 1880 he came to Crawford county, Iowa, and settled on section 11, Hanover township, where he improved one hundred and sixty acres of land. He passed away in 1910 and was buried in Morgan cemetery, Morgan township. The mother, whose maiden name was Amelia Girard, is also a native of Germany and is of French Huguenot ancestry. She married Mr. Blume in Illinois and now makes her home with her two sons, F. G. and W. A. There were eight children in the family, namely: Theodore, who is living on the old homestead in Hanover township; Caroline, now the wife of J. L. Adams, of Maywood, Illinois; Clara, who married Ferdinand Hartman, of Klamath Falls, Oregon; Otto H., of Albany, Oregon; F. G.; W. A.; and Edward and Rosie, who died in infancy.

F. G. Blume was born at Livingston, Illinois, December 14, 1869, and W. A. Blume was born at the same place, August 12, 1871. The brothers grew to manhood under the parental roof and received their education in the district schools. At twenty-one years of age F. G. Blume began farming for himself in Hanover township and three years later became associated with two of his brothers in operating a steam threshing machine, one of the first machines of the kind in this part of the country, and was identified with the threshing business for about seven years. In the meantime, however, he and his brothers, O. H. and W. A., engaged in farming in partnership in Otter Creek township and subsequently removed to Woodbury county, where W. A. and F. G. lived together, but each had his own farm. They succeeded so admirably that in March, 1901, they located on section 13, Boyer township, Crawford county, where they are now conducting a thoroughly modern stock farm. The place



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES T. BLUME



comprises three hundred and sixty acres and they have made extensive improvements, including large barns, repair shops where they do their own horseshoeing, a complete telephone system and a thorough equipment of machinery, the very best that can be bought in the market. They were the first in their part of the county to grow winter wheat successfully and they were also the first to rotate grain with clover. They have built a private steel bridge across Boyer river, the only individual enterprise of this kind in Crawford county. The predominating feature of their business is their registered herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle. Eighteen years ago they began breeding this kind of stock and about 1900 they started a thoroughbred herd, which is now headed by the noted sire, Bardolino. The herd numbers thirty-five head of cattle. They also have twenty-one head of high grade Percheron horses and are feeders of stock, shipping extensively to the market each year, having recently made a shipment of three carloads of hogs.

The brothers have demonstrated on an important scale the results which may be expected from cooperation when each individual in a firm thoroughly understands his business and is deeply interested in the work. Their splendid success cannot fail to inspire young men who have the ambition to accomplish a worthy object in life. Progressive in their methods and always reliable in their dealings, they have truly earned the confidence which is instinctively accorded them wherever they are known. F. G. Blume is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Dow City.

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#### FRED J. LAHNDORF, SR.

Fred J. Lahndorf, Sr., a prosperous farmer of Hayes township, is numbered among the men of foreign birth to whom the opportunities of the new world have opened avenues of success. He is one of Germany's contributions to the citizenship of Iowa, his birth occurring in Holstein on the 5th of August, 1854. His parents, Frederick J. and Catherine (Brehmer) Lahndorf, were also natives of the fatherland and came to the United States in 1866, locating in Davenport, Iowa. After four years spent in that city, they farmed for four years in Scott county, Iowa, and in 1874 came to Crawford county, establishing their home in Hayes township. Under the careful supervision of the father the place became a highly improved and valuable property, and there he and his wife spent their remaining days. He reached the seventy-second milestone on life's journey ere passing away, while his wife was seventy-eight years of age at the time of her demise. Their family of three children consisted of the following: John, now deceased; Fred J., of this review; and Amelia, the wife of Charles Hanneman, residing near Dunlap, Iowa.

Fred J. Lahndorf was a lad of eleven years when brought to the United States by his parents, and his education, commenced in the schools of the fatherland, was completed in Davenport. After arriving in Haynes township he continued to give his father the benefit of his assistance until the latter's death, when he assumed control of the homestead, which he has since continued to operate. He



is now the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of highly cultivated land, upon which are to be found all of the conveniences and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and the success which is attending his efforts clearly indicates the practical and progressive methods which he employs and the close application which he gives to his business affairs.

Mr. Lahndorf was united in marriage, on the 13th of September, 1882, to Miss Cecelia Jetter, who was born in Davenport, Iowa, of German parentage. As the years have passed their home has been blessed with nine children, as follows: Fred J., Jr.; Emma, who married Ora Pipper, of Manilla, Iowa; Edward; Helen K., who married R. C. Bradshaw, but is now deceased; Henry J., Minnie, Clara and Ferdinand, all yet at home; and William, who passed away in infancy.

Mr. Lahndorf's religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, while fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America at West Side. In politics he supported the democracy for a few years but is now a stalwart republican, supporting the men and measures of that party. For himself, however, he has never sought office, although he has served efficiently as school director, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. He and his wife occupy a high place in the social circles of the community in which they reside because of their many excellent traits of character, and their home is the seat of a warm-hearted and generous hospitality which is freely extended to their many friends.

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#### FRANK SLEGEL.

Frank Slegel, who owns a pleasantly situated home and farm in West Side township, may justly be designated as one of the intelligent and enterprising citizens of Crawford county. He is a native of Jackson county, Wisconsin, born November 23, 1874, a son of Carl and Barbara (Kocum) Slegel. The parents were both born in Bohemia and came to America in 1867, taking up their residence in Wisconsin. In 1880 the family arrived in Crawford county, Iowa, and located on a farm in Milford township, where Mr. Slegel successfully engaged in agriculture and stock-raising. He and his wife are now living retired at Vail in the enjoyment of many years of well directed labor. There were seven children in their family, five of whom are now living: Frank, the subject of this review; Louis, at home; Anna, the wife of Wilbur Hawley, of Crawford county, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Mamie, who married William Maynard, also of Crawford county; and Carrie, who is the wife of Floyd Chapman, of this county.

Frank Slegel came to Crawford county with his parents in his early boyhood and received the advantages of education in the public schools. He assisted his father in work upon the home farm until arriving at manhood and then began in business upon his own account by purchasing a place of one hundred and sixty acres on section 17, West Side township, where he now lives. He has improved his farm, converting it into rich and highly cultivated fields. He has also erected

good and substantial buildings and planted a grove of evergreen trees, which is one of the highly attractive features of the township. He raises grain but pays special attention to stock-raising, which is a valuable part of his business and returns a generous revenue yearly.

In 1903 Mr. Slegel was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Kastl, who was born in Nebraska, October 10, 1880, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Kunes) Kastl. The parents were both born in Bohemia and emigrated to America in 1873, settling in Nebraska. The father passed away in 1890 but the mother is still living. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kastl, Mary being next to the youngest in order of birth.

Mr. Slegel and his estimable wife are members of the Catholic church, in which they were reared and in its work they take a great interest. As active and efficient factors in the community they are held in the highest esteem. Politically Mr. Slegel gives his support to the democratic party. He has never cared for official honors but has served most creditably as school director and also for six years in the responsible position of township assessor. Fraternally he is a valued member of Camp No. 3057, M. W. A., of Vail.

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### JOHN COOK.

Coming of good English parentage on both sides of the house, John Cook, formerly a member of the board of supervisors of Crawford county, has shown in his life something of the characteristics of the Anglo-Saxon race, also being closely identified with successful and progressive citizenship. He is a native of Jackson county, Iowa, born March 8, 1854, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Cox) Cook, both of whom were natives of Somersetshire, England. The father was reared in the old country but came to America and was one of the early settlers of Jackson county, Iowa. He worked on the steamboats on the Mississippi river and also chopped cord wood, at one time having fifteen hundred cords chopped. This took fire and burned up, but he was not a man to yield to discouragement and he turned his attention to burning lime and farming. He preempted one hundred and twenty acres of land in Iowa township, Jackson county, which he improved and later disposed of. In 1879 he came to Crawford county and located upon a farm in Jackson township, where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1891, at the age of seventy years. He was one of the highly successful farmers of his locality, owning four hundred acres, and was also one of the successful stock feeders in the township. His wife still survives him but for six years past has been an invalid. She is a member of the Methodist church, as was also her husband. The maternal grandfather of our subject was William Cox, a native of England, who by trade was a shoemaker. There were six children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. William Cook, namely: Elizabeth, who married Thomas Taplin and is now deceased; Sarah, who became the wife of Thomas Bartlett and is also deceased; John, the subject of this review; Mary, the wife of John Nelson, of Dundurn, Canada; Matthew, deceased; and Ellen, the wife of S. F. Squires, of Kansas City, Missouri.

John Cook was reared on his father's farm and received his early education in the district schools, which knowledge he has greatly broadened by study and reading. He began farming on a tract of land owned by his father in Crawford county and later the father gave him eighty acres, which he cultivated to good advantage for many years, also acquiring other farms. In January, 1899, he sold his original homestead and has since been an extensive buyer of land. He now owns four hundred and eighty acres in this county and also a beautiful home in Denison, and his son William owns one hundred and sixty acres in Milford township, which he has greatly improved.

Mr. Cook is recognized as a man of sound business judgment whose integrity is above question. Politically he adheres to the democracy, firmly believing that the principles of his party are essential to the perpetuity of free institutions. He has at various times taken an active part in politics and served for six years as a member of the county board of supervisors, in the course of which he instituted many measures of great practical value to the county and demonstrated an ability in the management of large affairs that was highly gratifying to the people. Socially he is identified with the Masonic order and belongs to Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., and Ark Chapter, No. 89, R. A. M. His name is widely known in this section of the state, where he has spent the principal part of his life, and on account of his genial and generous qualities his friends and well-wishers are numbered by the legion.

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#### A. J. JACOBSON.

A. J. Jacobson, who for a period of about thirty years has been associated with the carpenter's trade in Kiron, is of Scandinavian extraction, his birth occurring in Sweden on the 7th of November, 1854. He is the second in order of birth of the four children born to his parents, Jacob and Bettie (Hesselgren) Swenson, the others being: Peter, who lives with his brother on the farm in Stockholm township; Charles, a resident of Nebraska; and Lena, also living in Kiron. The parents passed away in Sweden, the father at the age of ninety years and the mother at eighty-two.

A. J. Jacobson acquired his education in the common schools of his native land and it was there he also learned the carpenter's trade. In 1881 he took passage for the United States, believing that his opportunities of acquiring the means which would assure him ease and comfort without toil in the latter years of his life were better in America than in his own country. Upon his arrival he immediately made his way westward and located in Crawford county, Iowa, devoting his entire time during the first four years of his residence here to his trade. He was a skillful as well as competent workman and was always employed at good wages, his faithful and capable discharge of his duties being most excellent recommendation. During this period he bought eighty acres of land in Stockholm township, to which he has added at various times until his farm now contains one hundred and twenty acres of well improved and cultivated land. He has placed the greater portion of the improvements upon his property, but its

cultivation has been left almost entirely to his brother as he still devotes the major portion of his time to his trade.

Mr. Jacobson gives his political support to the republican party and although he does not aspire to public honors or the emoluments of office he served for one term on the board of school directors. He is one of the well regarded and highly respected men of Kiron, having won and retained the friendship of many of its citizens during the period of his residence here.

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### JOHN H. KETELSEN.

Of worthy Teutonic parentage and early imbued with true ideas as to the importance of industry, John H. Ketelsen, of Charter Oak township, was given a fair start in life and although he is a young man he has become well established as a farmer, his place giving evidence of thorough cultivation and generous returns for the time and labor expended upon it.

He was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, in June, 1884, a son of Peter and Anna (Wamser) Ketelsen, both of whom were natives of Schleswig-Holstein. In 1891 the family emigrated to America, sailing from Hamburg and landing in New York city. They came west to Clinton county, Iowa, and the father worked on a farm for one year, after which he took up his residence in Clinton, where he was employed in sawmills until about ten years ago. In 1901 he came to Crawford county and rented a farm near Buck Grove, in Washington township, five years later moving to Charter Oak township, where he and his wife are now living. He has followed farming most of his life, having worked at that occupation in Germany. In politics he adheres to the democratic party and religiously he and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church. They are the parents of seven children, namely: Margaret, now the wife of Hans Dirks, of Jackson county, Iowa; John H., of this review; Dora, now Mrs. Fred Kuhlmann, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and Mary, Peter, Clara and Albert, all of whom are at home.

John H. Ketelsen came to Iowa with his parents at the age of seven and to Crawford county when he was seventeen. He received his education in the common schools and continued with his parents, assisting in the support of the family, until he was twenty-four years of age. He then began farming on his own account in Washington township, where he rented land for three years, after which he removed to section 3, Charter Oak township, and located upon one hundred and twenty acres. The farm is provided with many improvements, including a good house, barn and outbuildings, and a thorough system of drainage. His success as a farmer is to be attributed to his untiring industry and good management.

On the 3d of April, 1907, Mr. Ketelsen was united in marriage to Miss Tina Schroeder, a native of Washington township and a daughter of Charles and Margaret (Ohl) Schroeder, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father is deceased but the mother is now living in Buck Grove. They had five children, four of whom are now living: Albert, who is engaged in farming near

Buck Grove; Fred, who also lives near Buck Grove; Tina, now Mrs. John H. Ketelsen; and William, who is engaged in farming in Washington township. One child, Laura, has come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ketelsen.

Mr. Ketelsen and his wife are earnest members of the German Lutheran church, in which they were both reared, and they are interested not only in the prosperity of the church but also in promoting the welfare of the entire community. Their cheerful home is the center of genial and generous hospitality. Mr. Ketelsen ever since he cast his first ballot has given his support to the democratic party, believing that its principles are in accord with the best interests of the country. Diligent and enterprising in the calling to which he devotes himself with untiring zeal, he has attained a fair degree of success and is numbered among the substantial citizens of Crawford county.

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### JESSE T. DIETER.

Although he is only twenty-four years of age Jesse T. Dieter has charge of a large farm in Jackson township and manages it with an ability that is producing excellent returns. From his earliest recollection he has been connected with agricultural pursuits. He was born in Jackson township, December 21, 1886, a son of John A. and Tillie C. (Pound) Dieter. The father, who was born in Ohio, came to Crawford county and acquired six hundred and forty acres in Jackson township but disposed of three hundred and twenty acres. He also became the owner of six hundred and ninety acres in West Side township and now makes his home in that part of the county. He is a man of unusually clear and sound business judgment and has met in his chosen vocation with well merited success. There were ten children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Dieter, namely: Grace, who now lives in Omaha; Jesse T., of this review; George, Raymond, Leonard, Edward, Lloyd, Ada May and Earl, all of whom are at home; and James, who died in infancy.

Jesse T. Dieter received his education in the district schools and remained at home, assisting his father, until he was twenty-one years of age. In 1907, having decided to begin farming on his own account, he rented two hundred and sixty acres of his father and later the entire three hundred and sixty acres which remains of the old homestead in Jackson township. He has managed his affairs to excellent advantage and carries on general farming and stock-raising, feeding and shipping cattle upon an extensive scale. He keeps a good grade of stock and receives fair prices for what he offers for sale. His prosperity is the result of constant and well directed effort.

On the 26th of May, 1909, Mr. Dieter was united in marriage to Miss May McCalpin, a daughter of William and Catherine (White) McCalpin. Her parents are natives of St. Louis, Missouri, and are now living in that city. There were twelve children in their family, eight of whom survive, namely: May, now Mrs. Jesse T. Dieter; William, Helen, Robert, Ruth, George, Joseph and Francis, all yet at home. One child, Catherine, has come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Dieter, her natal day being September 13, 1910.

Mr. Dieter inherited characteristics of industry and persistence, which are so necessary in the attainment of any important object, and, today he is recognized as a capable man of business, who cannot fail to become a prominent factor in the development of Crawford county. He and his estimable wife are sincere members of the Catholic church. He gives his adherence to the republican party and is a strong believer in its platform. Socially he is a valued member of the Knights of Columbus and the Modern Woodmen of America.

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#### THOMAS E. PEARSON.

Thomas E. Pearson, who has been successfully engaged in the transfer business at Denison for the past seventeen years, was born in Kendall county, Illinois, on the 7th of August, 1860, his parents being Thomas P. and Sarah M. (Seely) Pearson. The father, whose birth occurred in England in 1823, accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States in 1883, the family first locating in Utica, New York. Three years later they removed to Kendall county, Illinois, where the grandfather of our subject entered land and erected a log cabin with clapboard roof and puncheon floor. Thomas P. Pearson there grew to manhood and in 1847 wedded Miss Sarah M. Seely, who was born in New York in 1829. In 1856 he went to Mendota, La Salle county, Illinois, there making his home until 1865, which year witnessed his removal to Cedar Rapids, Linn county, Iowa. In 1876 he took up his abode in Crawford county, here residing until 1895, when he removed to Elmwood, Illinois, where his demise occurred in 1902. His widow, who still survives him, is living in Canton, Illinois, and has attained the age of eighty-two years. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Millicent S., who is deceased; F. M., who is a resident of Carney, Oklahoma; Ida M., the wife of Frank Richards, of Kane county, Illinois; Thomas E., of this review; and Iola B., the wife of George Ainsworth, of Canton, Illinois.

Thomas E. Pearson was educated in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until twenty-five years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. Following that important event in his life he purchased a half interest in the old homestead farm of two hundred and seventy-nine acres on sections 24 and 25, Goodrich township, residing thereon until 1894. In that year he disposed of the property and came to Denison, where he has since made his home, now owning two fine residences, six lots and a transfer barn. During the period of his residence in Denison he has been engaged in the dray and transfer business and has built up an extensive and profitable enterprise in this connection.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Pearson chose Miss Eva Adelle Haskin, whose birth occurred in Dane county, Wisconsin, on the 17th of September, 1859, her parents being John W. and Orrel M. (Watterman) Haskins, the former a native of New York and the latter of Holland, Massachusetts. They removed to Wisconsin with their respective parents and later took up their abode in Richland county, that state, where Mr. Haskin died

in 1901. His wife passed away in Crawford county, Iowa, in 1910. Mrs. Pearson was one of a family of eight children, seven of whom are yet living. She taught school for seven years prior to her marriage. She is now the mother of three children. Townsend A., whose natal day was March 18, 1886, is a student in the Northwestern University Dental School of Chicago. Laura Ida, who was born on the 30th of November, 1889, is a graduate of the Denison high school and now attends the Columbia School of Music in Chicago. Margaret, the younger daughter, was born on the 17th of April, 1898.

In politics Mr. Pearson is a republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party by his ballot. He has served as a member of the school board and has likewise acted as a street commissioner. Fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen of the World, belonging to Lodge No. 76 at Denison, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church, with which his wife is also affiliated. Mrs. Pearson is the president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the seventeenth district of Iowa and also belongs to the Relief Corps. Mr. Pearson is a progressive, wide-awake business man of known reliability, and the success that has come to him is but the just reward of his own industry and good management.

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#### EMIEL NOVOTNE.

Crawford county can claim many substantial and progressive men who have demonstrated their business ability and integrity and appear to be competent to fill any position to which they may aspire. To this class belongs Emiel Novotne, who occupies a well improved farm in West Side township, which gives evidence of his thoughtful attention and yields annually abundant returns for the time and labor expended upon it. He was born in Carroll county, Iowa, October 7, 1877, a son of Jacob and Petronella (Vosta) Novotne, who were natives of Bohemia. They came to America and after living in Johnson, Carroll and Sac counties, Iowa, were attracted to Crawford county, where they established their homestead. Mr. Novotne engaged very successfully in agriculture and stock-raising until his death, which occurred in 1896. The beloved wife and mother passed away in 1902. Their ten children are all now living.

Educated in the public schools, Emiel Novotne continued at home until he reached manhood and then rented the home farm for two years. He managed his affairs so successfully that he was then able to purchase eighty acres on section 9, West Side township, which he has developed into one of the valuable farms of that locality. He devotes his attention to general farming and stock-raising with very satisfactory results.

On the 22d of October, 1902, Mr. Novotne was united in marriage to Miss Ada Richardson, who was born in Jackson township, March 28, 1880, a daughter of James and Elizabeth Richardson, both of whom were born in England. Mention of them is made in the sketch of Charles Richardson, which appears elsewhere in this work. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Novotne has been blessed

by the birth of a son, Francis, whose natal day was November 16, 1904. He is now a highly promising lad.

Mr. Novotne has never allowed his interest to be absorbed by politics to the detriment of his private affairs but as a patriotic citizen he votes for the principles that he considers most essential in the advancement of the permanent welfare of the country. He gives his allegiance to the democratic party and has served with special ability as member of the school board and also for three years as road superintendent. His upright and straightforward life commends him to all with whom he comes into contact. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church, a faith in which they were reared, and by their neighbors and acquaintances are held in high esteem.

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### WILBUR HAWLEY.

Coming of good New England stock Wilbur Hawley has demonstrated in his life those principles of perseverance, energy and progressiveness which seldom fail to lead to success. He is the owner of a valuable farm in Milford township which under his skillful management produces good crops and yields a handsome annual revenue. He was born in Connecticut, January 12, 1864, a son of R. C. and Sarah (Bears) Hawley, both of whom were natives of Connecticut. The family came west and settled in Crawford county, the father attaining an enviable position as one of its respected and successful citizens. He passed away at the age of eighty-one. There were six children in the family, namely: Ella, who now lives in Crawford county; Edward, deceased; Frank, of Crawford county; Robert C., also of Crawford county; Wilbur, of this review; and Sarah, now the wife of Avery E. Ford, of New Haven, Connecticut.

Wilbur Hawley received his education in the public schools and early became acquainted with the various details pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. He continued with his father until thirty-two years of age, in the meantime conducting a country grocery store, driving through the country about two days a week buying eggs and giving groceries in exchange for them. He packed the eggs during the summer months and shipped them to the eastern markets during the winter. While engaged in this business he also assisted his father in the work of the home farm and during the winter when his duties were not so arduous he bought poultry, which he dressed and shipped to the eastern markets. In traveling over the country he gained a large circle of friends by his upright and honorable dealings. He is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land, one hundred and sixty of which formerly belonged to his father, while the eighty acre tract he has purchased since his marriage. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and ships cattle and hogs to the market each year. In 1908 he had the misfortune to lose his home and nearly all its contents by fire. Although he carried no insurance he is not a man to yield to discouragement and he erected a beautiful modern residence of two stories, which is provided with all desirable conveniences. He has made practically all the improvements that



are to be seen on his farm and the well cultivated fields and excellent appearance of everything about the place reflect great credit upon his industry and judgment.

On October 7, 1896, Mr. Hawley was united in marriage to Miss Anna Slegel, a daughter of Carl and Barbara (Kocum) Slegel. There were seven children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Slegel, five of whom survive: Frank and Louis, both of Crawford county; Anna, now Mrs. Hawley; Mayme, the wife of William Maynard, of Crawford county; and Carrie, now Mrs. Floyd Chapman, also of Crawford county. Four children bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hawley: Raymond Ford, Grace Carol, Robert Theodore and Wilbur C., who was born June 23, 1907.

Mr. Hawley gives his allegiance to the republican party, whose principles he regards as essential to the permanent prosperity of the country. Fraternally he is identified with the Royal Neighbors and in religious belief he affiliates with the Presbyterian church. He is a substantial and enterprising man who recognizes his obligations to the community and is ever ready to assist in promoting the general welfare. He enjoys an extensive acquaintance in his section of the county and has fairly earned the respect in which he is held by his neighbors and friends.

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#### JOHN G. MOHR.

General farming and stock-raising have always engaged the attention of John G. Mohr, who is a resident of Iowa township, Crawford county. He was born in Jackson county, Iowa, on the 8th of October, 1875, and is a son of Frederick C. and Mary (Kruse) Mohr. The parents were both natives of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, where they were married and where their four eldest children were born. In the early '70s they emigrated to the United States, settling in Jackson county, Iowa, moving from there to Clinton county, where they resided for a time. In 1892 they again changed their habitation, this time locating on a farm on section 2, Iowa township, Crawford county. After cultivating this place for nine years they removed one-half mile north, where the father continued to reside until he retired from active labor. He now makes his home with his son George C. Six children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Mohr: Otto, who is a resident of Iowa township, making his home with our subject; Maggie, the wife of Fred Renfeldt, of Manilla, Iowa; Peter, of Ute, Iowa; C. D., who is living in Iowa township, south of our subject; John G.; and George C., also of Iowa township, living north of his brother, John G. The mother passed away in October, 1903.

John G. Mohr was reared at home, acquiring his education in the district schools and remaining a member of the paternal household until the retirement of his father, when he removed to the place where he has ever since resided. His homestead contains about ninety acres of fertile land, all of which is under a high state of cultivation. He engages in general farming and the raising of graded stock, in both of which directions his efforts are meeting with very good returns.

On the 21st of September, 1899, Mr. Mohr was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Lage, a native of Germany, and they have become the parents of three children: Freddie, Lena and Raymond.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Mohr are affiliated with the Lutheran church and in politics he is a democrat. He is an industrious, hard-working man and is confining all of his efforts to the development of his property, the returns from which are abundantly rewarding his endeavors.

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#### GEORGE C. MOHR.

The efforts of George C. Mohr are being directed toward the cultivation of a farm of ninety acres in Iowa township, where he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He was born in Jackson county, Iowa, on the 21st of September, 1877, and is the youngest son of Frederick C. and Mary (Kruse) Mohr, natives of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. The parents emigrated to this country in the early '70s, locating in this state. The mother passed away in 1903 and the father is now living retired with the subject of this sketch.

The education of George C. Mohr was acquired in the district schools of his native county, and after laying aside his text-books he engaged with his father in the cultivation of the homestead until the latter retired, at which time he located upon the place where he continues to live. He has a very pleasant homestead, upon which he has made all of the improvements, and is being rewarded with very satisfactory returns for his efforts.

Mr. Mohr was married in 1903 to Miss Alfrida Molter, and unto them has been born one child, Nellie. They hold membership in the Lutheran church and politically Mr. Mohr affiliates with the democratic party, but not being an aspirant for office or public honors he does not actively participate in township affairs, devoting his entire attention to his private interests.

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#### PATRICK D. McMAHON.

Patrick D. McMahon, attorney at law and title examiner for the Bank of Denison, has throughout his entire life ably and conscientiously performed the duty nearest at hand and thus has carved out the path of his own advancement. His life record had its beginning in the town of Kilrush, County Clare, Ireland, on the 25th of March, 1863. He is a member of one of the old families of West Clare, Ireland, there represented for many centuries. His parents, Denis and Kate (O'Dea) McMahon, were also natives of the Emerald isle, in which country the paternal grandfather had followed farming. Both he and his wife reached an advanced age. Their family numbered but two children, Denis and Thomas. The former became a soldier in the English army. He was reared in County Clare and after his military service was over became civil bill officer in West Clare. He married Kate O'Dea, a daughter of Michael O'Dea, and one

of a large family, all now deceased. Mrs. McMahon passed away when only about thirty years of age, while Denis McMahon survived until 1875, reaching the age of forty-eight years. Both were adherents of the Roman Catholic faith. In their family were five children, three sons and two daughters: John; Patrick D.; Andrew, deceased; Mary, the wife of Michael Frawley, of Ennis, Ireland; and Ella, the wife of P. F. Barrett, of Dunlap, Iowa.

Patrick D. McMahon was reared on the Emerald isle and acquired his education in the Munster Model Agricultural College at Cork, Ireland, after which he became a teacher in the national schools of his native country. He was a young man of about twenty-two years when, in 1885, he came to America, settling first at Ida Grove, Iowa, where he lived until April, 1886. He then removed to Crawford county, taking up his abode at Denison, where he entered the employ of Shaw & Kuehnle in their law, loan and abstract office. In October, 1888, however, he removed to Charter Oak, Iowa, to take charge of an office for the same firm, and there continued until October, 1905, when he returned to Denison and accepted a position in the farm loan department of the Bank of Denison. Devoting his leisure hours to the mastery of the principles of jurisprudence, he was admitted to the bar in 1893 and has since engaged in the practice of law, also acting as title examiner for the bank. His ability, earnest purpose and close application have enabled him to attain success in his work.

On the 19th of February, 1901, Mr. McMahon was united in marriage to Miss Marie Barrett, a daughter of Martin and Ann (Hart) Barrett, of Dunlap, Iowa. Mrs. McMahon was born in Monona county, Iowa. Her mother was a native of Canada and her father of Ireland. Her father was only five years of age when brought to the new world and was reared to manhood in Clinton county, Iowa. For many years he followed general agricultural and mercantile pursuits in Crawford, Monona and Harrison counties, but for over twenty years he and his wife have resided in Dunlap, Iowa. Their family numbers six sons and two daughters, William, Michael L., Peter F., Jacob F., deceased, Martin, John, Helen and Marie. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. McMahon was Patrick Barrett, a native of Ireland, who engaged in merchandising during much of his business life. Unto him and his wife were born three children, Michael, Martin and Mary. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. McMahon were both natives of Ireland but died in Clinton county, Iowa. Their family included Peter, John, Edward, Ann, Rose and Mary.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McMahon has been blessed with two children, Robert Emmet and Jacob Barrett. The parents are both members of the Catholic church and Mr. McMahon belongs also to the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen camp. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, which finds in him a stalwart and active supporter. While a resident of Charter Oak he served as mayor of the city, was justice of the peace for seven years and postmaster for nine years. The duties of those positions he discharged with promptness and fidelity and it is characteristic of him that no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed. He owns a pleasant home in Denison, which he and his family occupy, and aside from this he is much interested in real estate, owning over one thousand acres in Iowa and several houses and lots in Sioux City. His

realty holdings return to him a gratifying annual income and are constantly increasing in value with the rapid settlement of the districts in which his farms are located and also by reason of the improvements which he places upon his land. In the practice of law, in the conduct of banking interests and in his real-estate operations Mr. McMahon has proved himself a capable business man, far-sighted and sagacious, his enterprise and diligence bringing him gratifying and well merited success.

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### THOMAS BROWN.

One of the honored and highly esteemed citizens of Denison township, now living retired, is Thomas Brown who was born on Pinchbeck Fen, twenty miles from Great Spolden, in Lincolnshire, England, his natal day being August 25, 1818. His parents, Thomas and Anne (Bauchenburg) Brown, were also natives of Lincolnshire. At the age of twenty-one years the father enlisted in the English service, taking part in the war with France in 1812. At the battle of Moscow he and a comrade, Jack Rehms, had the distinction of holding alternately the young Napoleon III in their arms, the child and his mother having been taken prisoners there. He participated in the battle of Waterloo and for his services received a medal from the English government inscribed as follows: "Victoria San Sebastian St. John Toulouse," and under this was inscribed the names of the three battles in which he engaged: "Bayonne, Toulouse, Waterloo." On the other side of the medal are the emblems, the cross cannon, several flags, the anchor, and the date, 1812. This medal was of silver-hued composition metal, being but slightly larger than our silver dollar but weighing about twice as much. While a resident of Troy, New York, the father's home and all its contents were destroyed by fire, but the medal was finally found in the debris and after being polished looked as well as previously. During his military career Mr. Brown was wounded in the battle of the Isle of Wight.

In 1832, when a boy of fourteen years, our subject left home, and, going to Liverpool, embarked for the United States. The next day his father and mother, with the remainder of their family, also started for Liverpool en route for the new world. Neither knew of the others intention until they met on the out-going boat. They continued their journey together and finally arrived in Troy, New York, where the parents spent the remainder of their lives. In the family were twelve children, namely: Susan, who died in England; Mary, also deceased; one who died in infancy; Elizabeth, still a resident of Troy, New York; Thomas, of this review; Anne, Jeremiah and Sallie, also deceased; and four others who died in infancy.

Mr. Brown of this review is a self-educated man, having but limited opportunities during his boyhood and youth. He remained a resident of Troy, New York, until 1865, in the meantime being employed in a slaughterhouse. He then went to Illinois, first locating near Morris, in Grundy county, where he followed farming until 1867 and then removed to Crawford county, Iowa, locating three miles west of Denison. Upon that place he made his home for three

years and then located on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Denison township, which he still owns and occupies. Energetic, enterprising and industrious, he made a success of his chosen calling and about five years ago practically retired from active farming. He is still hale and hearty, however, and although ninety-two years of age at times does considerable work upon the farm, and when visited by our representative, December 3, 1910, was found shucking corn. Since the age of five years he has used tobacco, but his outdoor life and activity has kept him in perfect health.

In 1856 Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Iler, a native of Germany, and they became the parents of four children, two of whom died in infancy, while Seraphina is also deceased. Thomas P., born in Troy, New York, April 29, 1860, was educated in the schools of Morris, Illinois, and, like his father, followed farming as a life work, also operating a threshing machine for some years. He was a member of the Catholic church by conversion and was a staunch supporter of the republican party. In 1888 he married Miss Margaret Hughes, a native of New York city and a daughter of Edward and Jane (Newton) Hughes, both of whom were born in Ireland. This union was blessed by eight children, namely: Jane E., Thomas M. and Margaret A.; Edward John, deceased; and Mary P., William Francis, Catherine Anna and Emma Cecelia, all at home.

At an early age Mr. Brown united with the Church of the Holy Cross in England and since becoming an American citizen has cast his ballot with the republican party. He is a man of exceptional ability who has usually carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken, and his life has been such as to command the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact either in business or social life. His is an honored old age and he has countless friends in and around Denison.

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### CHRIST NISSEN.

Thirty years ago Christ Nissen arrived in the new world, to which he was attracted because of the opportunities it presents for well directed labor. He applied himself with earnestness and zeal and today he is the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and thirty acres in Stockholm township, the abundant harvests gathered from this land each year being visible evidence of his energy and enterprise.

He was born in Germany, March 7, 1857, a son of Paul and Mary C. (Christiansen) Nissen. The parents were both natives of the old country and continued there throughout their entire lives. There were eight children in the family, only two of whom are now living, Christ, the subject of this review; and John, also in America.

Christ Nissen received a common school-education and grew to manhood in the parental home, where he early became acquainted with the value of labor. At twenty-four years of age, in 1881, he bade farewell to relatives and friends and crossed the ocean to America, fully determined if possible to make for him-

self a home under the friendly protection of the republic. He came direct to Crawford county, Iowa, and worked for three years as a farm hand and then began to operate rented land on his own account. He continued as a renter for eighteen years and, being economical and a good manager, acquired the capital necessary to purchase the place on section 13, Stockholm township, upon which he established his permanent home. His farm has been improved by the erection of buildings and fences, the putting in of tile and the setting out of shade and ornamental trees, so that it is one of the pleasing features of the landscape. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding cattle and hogs and as he is well acquainted with his business, his success has been highly gratifying.

In 1884 Mr. Nissen was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Otto, who was born in Germany, September 7, 1861, a daughter of Christ and Christina (Gotwig) Otto. The family came to this country in 1884 and located in Crawford county, Iowa. The mother died September 15, 1906, but the father is still living and makes his home in Denison. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto. Eleven children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nissen, all of whom are now living except the oldest, who died in infancy. The others are William, John, Edward, Christina, Anna, Freda, Louise, Elsie, Amanda and Marvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Nissen are thoroughly familiar with the responsibilities of rearing a large family, and they have acquitted themselves nobly and have instilled into their children lessons of industry, frugality and perseverance so necessary in laying a permanent foundation for worthy objects in life. Both parents and children are identified with the Lutheran church and active workers in its interests. Politically Mr. Nissen gives his support to the democratic party. He is connected with the Odd Fellows, being a member of Lodge No. 993 at Denison and is an earnest advocate of the beautiful fraternal sentiments of that order. As a citizen he is greatly respected by the entire community.

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### ERNEST JAMES GUNN.

Ernest James Gunn, who has been identified with the farming interests of Crawford county during the past thirty-three years, was born in Coitsville, New Jersey, May 2, 1855, a son of James N. and Elizabeth (Lea) Gunn, both of whom were natives of London, England, where the father was born March 27, 1826. The early education of Ernest J. Gunn was obtained in the public schools of Clinton, Iowa, and for thirteen years he followed the trade of a marble cutter. In the fall of 1878 he came with his brother George T. to Crawford county and subsequently purchased eighty acres of land in Jackson township from his father. On this property he has since continued to follow farming, meeting with that success that comes as a result of earnest endeavor and well applied diligence.

The marriage of Mr. Gunn took place July 4, 1882, when he was united to Miss Helen Stevens, a daughter of Dr. B. F. and Sarah (West) Stevens, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, and the latter in New York. Her parents had thirteen children, of whom the following survive: Frances, who is

the wife of Mr. Granger and resides in Nebraska; Henry, who lives in Florida; Fred, who is a resident of Sioux City, Iowa; Helen; Andrew, who makes his home in Sac city, Iowa; Catherine, who married Dempster Treadway, of Wall Lake; Frank, who lives in Clay county, Iowa; and John, who resides in Kansas City, Missouri. The deceased members of the family are Jerusha, Mary, Allan, Jane and Emma. Both of the parents have also passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Gunn two children have been born, namely: Letitia, who became the wife of Walter Campbell and makes her home in Sac county; and James F., who is farming in Crawford county.

In politics Mr. Gunn has always given his support to the republican party and in religion gives his allegiance to the Episcopal church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, and is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is recognized throughout the community as a man of genuine worth who has made the most of his opportunities.

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#### AUGUST MAACK.

One of the well improved and highly cultivated farms of Crawford county is that of August Maack, which consists of one hundred and sixty acres on section 15, Hanover township. He is a native of Germany, his birth occurring on the 17th of October, 1870, just a few weeks before his parents, Ernest and Mary (Sachau) Maack emigrated for the United States. They first located in Moline, Illinois, and during the first twenty-one years of their residence in this country the father worked out, but in 1891 he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Hanover township, Crawford county, Iowa, which he operated until his death in 1895. Mrs. Maack is still living at the age of sixty-six years and continues to reside on the homestead. They were the parents of the following children: Henry, who lives on the homestead; August, our subject; Emma, the wife of F. W. Dorale of South Dakota; John, who resides in Hanover township; Annie, who is the wife of Henry Dorale of Soldier township, this county; Matilda, who married Andrew Namanny, of South Dakota; Mary, who is still at home; and Christ, who died at the age of seventeen years.

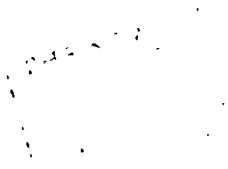
August Maack obtained his education in the common schools, remaining at home until he had attained the age of twenty-six years, during which period by means of thrift and close application he accumulated sufficient capital to buy one hundred and twenty acres of land in Goodrich township. He operated this for nine years and then sold it and bought his present homestead. He has added many improvements to his place during his occupancy; the buildings are all in good state of repair; the place is well stocked; and the fields are given the careful supervision which results in abundant harvests. Everything about his place bespeaks thrift and capable management, while the farm is considered one of the valuable properties of the township.

On the 12th of March, 1896, the union between Mr. Maack and Miss Dora Johanssen, of Clinton, Iowa, was solemnized. Four children were born of this



MR. AND MRS. AUGUST MAACK





union and they are as follows: Henry, who was born on the 11th of October, 1896; Lonie, born on the 3d of April, 1899; Edna, born on the 27th of March, 1901; and the fourth who died in infancy. Mrs. Maack passed away on the 8th of January, 1904, and on the 3d of March, 1907, Mr. Maack was united in marriage to Mrs. Wiebke (Boyens) Thun, who was born in Germany on the 24th of December, 1876. She came to America with her parents when five years of age and they first settled near Denison, Iowa, where the father worked for others for two years and then farmed as a renter for two years. Mr. and Mrs. Boyens possessed the perseverance, diligence and careful management which characterizes their nationality, and the result was at the end of that period he had the necessary means to buy the farm in Goodrich township which he cultivated up to the time of his retirement in 1899, at which time he removed to Charter Oak. He passed away on the 19th of September, 1906, but Mrs. Boyens is still living and makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Maack. They were the parents of eight children, who are as follows: Peter F., a resident of Plainview, Nebraska; Henry, living in Hanover township; Christina, the wife of Clouse Hendricksen; Mary, the wife of Casper Miller, of Charter Oak; Hans, who resides in Goodrich township; Mrs. Maack; and two who died in infancy. Mrs. Maack was first married February 18, 1896, becoming the wife of Johannes Thun, who died October 4, 1905, leaving three children, namely: Hilda, born May 9, 1900; Hans, born August 23, 1902; and Annie, born June 29, 1905. All are still living. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Maack: August, born on the 22d of November, 1908; and Martha, born on the 6th of August, 1910.

The family attend the German Lutheran church, with which the parents are affiliated by membership. Ever since age conferred upon him the full rights of citizenship Mr. Maack has given his support to the candidates of the democratic party. He takes an active interest in all local politics and served on the school board for one year and has recently been elected to the office of township assessor. He is highly regarded in the community where he resides and is considered one of the substantial agriculturists of the township.

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### JONATHAN MILLER.

Nearly thirty-five years ago Jonathan Miller came to Crawford county and settled on eighty acres of land which he has transformed into a highly productive farm. Through his thrift and good management he has prospered financially and is known as one of the substantial men of the township. He was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1850, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Wagner) Miller. The parents were also natives of the Keystone state and are now deceased. There were eight children in their family: Hiram and Josephus, both of whom are deceased; Allan, who enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-first Pennsylvania Regiment and lost his life at the battle of Gettysburg; Jonathan, of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of Elias Webber, of Pennsylvania; Matilda, who married William Moyer, of Pennsylvania; Mahala, also of Pennsylvania; and Harriet, deceased.

Jonathan Miller received his early education in the district schools and early decided to seek his fortune in the west. Accordingly, at the age of eighteen, he came to Iowa and for three years worked on a farm in Jackson county. He next devoted his attention for five years to the carpenter's trade, at the end of which time he came to Crawford county and in 1876 bought eighty acres of land, which became his homestead. He has greatly improved the place by the erection of buildings and fences and by the setting out of trees, so that it is now one of the attractive places of Milford township. He possesses good business ability, as is demonstrated by the appearance of his farm, and the gratifying revenue which it yields yearly.

On the 8th of October, 1874, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Ella Thomas, a daughter of William and Clarissa (Baker) Thomas, and of this union three children were born: Grace G., who is now the wife of N. Ingram, of Crawford county; Carrie, who married Charles Richardson; and Horace, who on April 18, 1906, married Miss Marie Monahan, a daughter of Anthony and Mary (Curry) Monahan, and has one child, Ila Elizabeth, who has reached the age of nineteen months.

The greatest sorrow of Mr. Miller's life was the death of his beloved companion, who passed away September 22, 1899. They journeyed through life together for twenty-five years and the general expression of regret which followed the announcement of her death indicated her high character and the esteem in which she was held by the people of the neighborhood. Religiously Mr. Miller is a sincere believer in the Christian faith and has for many years been a member of the Methodist church. In politics he adheres to the republican party. He has held various township offices and for twenty-one years has been secretary of the school board, during which time he has accomplished much good in the cause of public instruction.

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#### HENRY TEBBE.

The owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and eighty acres on sections 14 and 23, Hanover township, which he acquired entirely through his own well directed energy and perseverance, Henry Tebbe has attained a place among the substantial citizens of Crawford county. He was born in Germany, November 27, 1847, a son of Albert and Henrietta Tebbe, both of whom were also natives of Germany. They came to America in 1874, locating in Clinton county, Iowa, where Mr. Tebbe purchased a farm. He was quite successful as an agriculturist and gained an enviable reputation as one of the progressive men of the community. He passed away in 1894, his wife having died four years previously. There were seven children in their family, namely: Henry, the subject of this review; John, now a farmer of Crawford county; Elizabeth, the wife of George Busch, of Clinton county; Anna, the wife of Henry Busch, of Clinton county; Minnie, the wife of William Kuehn, of Clinton county; Matilda, now Mrs. August Keuhl, of Clinton county; and Christina, the wife of Leonhard Zogg, of Wisconsin.

Henry Tebbe was educated in his native land and came to America with his parents at twenty-six years of age, remaining with his father for ten years thereafter and assisting in the work of the home farm. He began farming on his own account in Crawford county, purchasing in 1885 a part of the farm which he now owns. He applied himself to such good purpose that he was able to purchase land as time advanced so that he is now in possession of two hundred and eighty acres, which he has highly improved and which yields goodly returns each year for the time and labor expended. He raises cereals and also feeds stock, which he usually delivers to the market in excellent condition, thus receiving the highest prices available.

On the 25th of February, 1885, Mr. Tebbe was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Wiese, who was born in Germany, September 13, 1863, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Stoelk) Wiese. Her parents came to America in 1883, first settling in Clinton county, Iowa, but three years later locating in Crawford county. They lived in Denison for eighteen years and then took up their home with the subject of this review, where they continued until their death, the mother passing away in 1906 and the father in 1909. Their remains now lie buried in the German Lutheran cemetery at Denison. There were four children in their family: Elizabeth, now the wife of Ernest Steffen, of Arkansas; Sophia, the wife of Henry Tebbe; Christina, who married Louis Dorale, of Wyoming, Iowa; and Henry, who died in Germany. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tebbe, three of whom, Elizabeth, Matilda and John, died in infancy. Albert W., the eldest, was born March 15, 1887, and is still living at home.

Mr. Tebbe's interests are thoroughly identified with those of Hanover township and no man in the township is more willing to assist in its advancement. He is of a modest, retiring disposition and has, therefore, never sought publicity, preferring to devote his time and attention to his family and his farm. He is a member of the Lutheran church, as are his estimable wife and his son, and they have many friends in this section.

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#### JAMES F. GUNN.

Among the younger generation of farmers in Crawford county who have demonstrated their ability to handle the problems of agriculture in an intelligent and comprehensive manner is James F. Gunn, who has acquired his knowledge of tilling the soil in the school of practical experience. A son of Ernest J. and Helen (Stevens) Gunn, he was born July 7, 1886, in Crawford county and obtained his early education in the district schools. He assisted his father on the home farm until twenty-three years old, when he rented eighty acres of land on section 9, Jackson township, and began farming on his own account.

On January 12, 1909, Mr. Gunn was united in marriage to Miss Anna Schaffer, a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Pfaunkuch) Schaffer, both of whom are natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to the United States in 1888. They were the parents of eleven children, six of whom are still living, namely: Louis and William, who are on farms in Crawford county; Martha,

who married William Ricke and lives in Breda, Carroll county; Conrad, who is a farmer in Sac county; Lizzie, who became the wife of George Bruns and makes her home in Carroll county; and Anna, who is the wife of our subject. The deceased members of the family are: William, Henry, Henry, there being two of this name, and two others, who were twins and died unnamed. Mr. and Mrs. Gunn have one child, Helen, who was born October 16, 1909.

In his political relations Mr. Gunn has been a staunch supporter of the republican party and shows a commendable interest in the welfare of his community. In religion he is an earnest adherent of the Presbyterian church. He is a young man of energetic character who takes a deep interest in his farm work and his many excellent qualities have won for him the high regard of his many friends.

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### WALTER L. HILL.

As a member of one of the well established business enterprises of Denison, Walter L. Hill belongs to the representative citizens of Crawford county whose success is due to their own industry, energy and perseverance. He is a member of the firm of Hill Brothers, dealers in marble and granite monuments, which is one of the best known concerns of the kind in this part of the state. He was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, November 22, 1866, a son of Rufus L. and Margaret E. (Wayt) Hill, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Walter L. Hill spent his early life in Iowa but grew to manhood from eleven years of age on a farm near Alma, Nebraska. He attended the public schools and the Methodist Seminary at Orleans, Nebraska, also graduating from the commercial college of that place. He then traveled through Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska for a year or two, after which he began learning the marble-cutter's trade. In February, 1896, he came to Denison and established himself in the monument business, which he conducted for a year and a half, when he sold out to his father. He worked for his father for a time and then removed to Colorado Springs, where he followed his trade for five years. Returning to Denison, he continued to work at his trade until 1908, when he and his brother, Albert R., bought their father's interest in the business, which they have since conducted under the title of Hill Brothers. The firm possesses excellent facilities and has gained a large patronage through different parts of the west, turning out some of the finest work which is to be seen in this part of the country.

On the 13th of September, 1888, Mr. Hill was united in marriage at Phillipsburg, Kansas, to Miss Elizabeth Catharine Bull, a native of Page county, Iowa, and a daughter of Cornelius and Nancy (McConnell) Bull. Her father was a native of Connecticut and the mother of Illinois. They removed to Page county, Iowa, and lived for a time at Clarinda, Shenandoah and Coin but are now making their home at Summerfield, Kansas. They had six children, Elizabeth, Harry P., Frederick, Alice, Harriet and Charlotte. Mr. Bull is a son of W. H. and Phoebe (Stow) Bull, both of whom were natives of Milford, New Haven county, Connecticut, the former born in 1817 and the latter in 1820. In their family were five children, namely: Cornelius A., the father of Mrs. Hill; Charlotte,

the wife of Robert Overstreet, of Galesburg, Illinois; Philip H., also a resident of Galesburg; Mrs. Augusta Campbell, of Knoxville, Illinois; and Isaac T., of Shenandoah, Iowa. Mrs. Hill's maternal grandparents were William and Mary McConnell, both of whom were born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1814. In their family were nine children, five of whom are still living, namely: William, a resident of Pawnee, Nebraska; Mrs. Mary Miles, of Nelson, Nebraska; Mrs. Margaret Chapman, of Cambridge, Illinois; Marshall, of Woodhull, Illinois; and Mrs. Nancy Bull, the mother of Mrs. Hill.

Eight children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, namely: Frederick A., Lillian, Irene, Mildred, Jessie, Walter L., Jr., Robert P. and Dorothy. Frederick A., the eldest, died at the age of three and one-half years. Mrs. Hill and the children are members of the Baptist church but Mr. Hill is not identified with any religious denomination. He is prominently connected with fraternal orders, being a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Denison, and also of the Woodmen of the World, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Mystic Workers of the World. He is, moreover, a member of the General Stone Cutters Union. Politically he gives his support to the republican party. A man of marked industry and fine business ability, he is also the possessor of those qualities of character which invite confidence and friendship, and few citizens of Denison stand higher in the estimation of acquaintances than Walter L. Hill.

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### JOHN ADOLPH EGGERT.

Thousands of ambitious young men born in Germany have founded homes in the United States, establishing themselves as permanent citizens of this great republic. It is doubtful whether any nationality that ever landed on American shores is more patriotic and public-spirited, and as to thrift and industry it has never been surpassed anywhere. To this class belongs John Adolph Eggert, a prosperous farmer of Hanover township. He was born in Germany April 9, 1858, a son of Carl and Catharina (Schoer) Eggert. The parents were both natives of Germany, where they continued to spend all their lives, the father passing away in 1870 and the mother in 1877. There were the following children in their family: John A., the subject of this review and the only member of the family who came to America; August, deceased; Henry; Carl, who died while serving in the German army, August 18, 1870; Margaret; Dora, deceased; and Elsie.

John A. Eggert was educated in the common schools of his native land and under his father, who was a farmer, he was early taught the importance and value of labor. At the age of twenty-four years, in 1882, he emigrated to this country and made his home for sixteen months in Chicago. He then came to Iowa, where he worked for three years upon a farm and then rented land for one year, acquiring the money necessary to purchase eighty acres. After cultivating his land for three years he traded it on a tract of one hundred and twenty acres, which constitutes a part of the farm that he now owns. By diligent and

good management he acquired more land, his place now comprising two hundred acres on sections 25 and 26, Hanover township. He devotes his attention especially to feeding stock, using his entire crop in this way, and he has managed his affairs with such sound judgment that he is today one of the substantial farmers of the township.

On the 20th of February, 1885, Mr. Eggert was united in marriage to Miss Alvena Ruberg, who was born in Jackson county, Iowa, October 30, 1867, a daughter of Fritz and Catharina (Jepsen) Ruberg, both of whom were born in Germany. The father came to America in early manhood and was a valiant soldier for the Union at the time of the Civil war, marrying Catharina Jepsen shortly after his discharge. He removed to Sabula, Jackson county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming until his death. The mother came to Crawford county in 1877, where she remained until July 24, 1880, being then called to her reward. There were three children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ruberg: Alvena, now wife of John A. Eggert; Johannes, of Crawford county; and Annie, deceased. Four children constituted the family of Mr. and Mrs. Eggert: Johannes A., who was born January 24, 1887, is married and lives in Crawford county; Henry, who died at the age of eight months; William, born March 8, 1890; and Freddie J. H., born September 18, 1892.

Mr. Eggert may always be depended upon to assist in any movement relating to the public welfare and his acknowledged ability in business makes him a valuable member of the community. His good fortune is due to honorable methods, untiring industry and clear discrimination, and he is, therefore, recognized as one of the thoroughly respected men of this part of the county. Politically he supports the principles and candidates of the republican party, believing that by so doing he is best advancing the permanent interests of the state and nation. Religiously he and his family give their sincere adherence to the German Lutheran church.

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#### WILLIAM EWOLDT.

A well improved farm of one hundred acres in Hayes township pays annual tribute to the energy and skill of William Ewoldt. He has been identified with agricultural interests all his life and was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, July 31, 1871, a son of Henry and Dora (Vinke) Ewoldt. The parents were both natives of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in 1864 and after living for a short time in Scott county, Iowa, went to Muscatine county, where he was married to Miss Dora Vinke. They lived in Shelby county but moved to Carroll county in 1879, coming to Crawford county in 1888. He cultivated land on section 22, Hayes township, for six years, at the end of which time the family took up their residence in Arcadia, Iowa. The father and mother are now living at Manning. There were fourteen children in their family, namely: Louis, deceased; Amelia, who married John Schumann, of Hayes township; William; Minnie, also deceased; Emma, who resides at Manning; Henry, of Oakland, Iowa; Laura, who is the wife of Richard Schroe-

der, of Muscatine county; Bertha, deceased; Louise, the wife of Fred Baker; Amanda, who married Dietlief Wunder, of Walcott, Iowa; Clara, the wife of Claus Clausen, of Manning; Emil, deceased; Irene; and Carl A., who died in infancy.

William Ewoldt grew to manhood under the paternal roof and received his early education in the district schools. He continued with his parents until twenty-four years of age and then began farming on his own account on section 14, Hayes township. He continued on that place for thirteen years and in 1909 removed to his present location. His farm is well improved and as he applies good judgment to his work it produces liberal annual returns. He makes a specialty of raising Hereford cattle.

In 1896 Mr. Ewoldt was united in marriage to Miss Katie Kruse and three children were born of this union: Carl, deceased; Edward; and Emil. In politics Mr. Ewoldt gives his support to the democratic party. He served as township clerk for two years and as road superintendent for three years, displaying an energy and ability as a public official that met the hearty approval of the people. He is a sincere believer in the Bible and an active worker in the Protestant Lutheran church. As a member of a large family he early learned to perform his share of the work about the house and in the fields. The habits of industry and application acquired in youth have continued with him in mature years and he is now one of the prosperous farmers of his township. He owes his success to his energy and perseverance, and his example has been instrumental in inducing others to apply themselves more industriously and thus promote their own interests and those of the entire community.

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#### ADOLPH KUEHL.

Arriving in America in his boyhood Adolph Kuehl has for forty years been a resident of Iowa and is now the owner of a productive farm in Crawford county, which he acquired by his own efforts through years of earnest application. He may justly be regarded as one of the fortunate men of Iowa. He was born in Germany, November 10, 1855, a son of Claus and Abel (Horst) Kuehl, both of whom were born in Germany. The father came to America with his family in 1870 and lived for a year at Davenport, Iowa, then renting a farm in Scott county. Subsequently the family removed to Clinton county, where Mr. Kuehl rented land for ten years, but in 1883 he brought his family to Crawford county. He bought one hundred and sixty acres in Morgan township, which he cultivated until his death in 1896. The mother of our subject died June 22, 1875. They had four children, namely: Hans, now living retired at Battle Creek, Iowa; Henry, who died at the age of twenty years; Kate, the wife of Henry Lamp, who is engaged in the jewelry business at Davenport; and Adolph, of this review.

Educated in the public schools of Germany, Adolph Kuehl came to America with his parents and continued at home until twenty-four years of age. He then began working for wages and for eight years rented land, which he cultivated



industriously for three years. The first land which he owned was one hundred and sixty acres in Morgan township. He sold this place in 1896 and bought four hundred and three and one-half acres on section 20, Soldier township, which is his homestead and gives evidence in its neat and attractive appearance of being cultivated according to the most modern methods. He is an extensive feeder of stock and as he handles only good grades he is enabled to command the best prices in the market.

In February, 1880, Mr. Kuehl was united in marriage to Miss Dora Otto, who was born at Davenport, March 15, 1857, a daughter of Claus H. and Julia (Vogt) Otto. The parents were natives of Germany and came to America in 1847, the father following his trade as carpenter at Davenport for eighteen years. In 1865 he purchased a farm in Clinton county, which he cultivated for fifteen years, and then retired, having attained a competency. He died July 18, 1890, and his wife passed away in 1875. Of their eight children one died in infancy, the others being Magdalena and John, both of whom are deceased; Henry, who is now engaged in farming in Soldier township; Dora, now Mrs. Adolph Kuehl; Charles, of Boone, Iowa; Norah, the wife of Charles Fraser, of Moline, Illinois; and Herman, of Dewitt, Iowa.

Seven children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kuehl and their record is as follows: Julia, who is the wife of Arnold Jacobsen, of Mitchell, South Dakota; Freda, the wife of Claus Johansen, of Soldier township; Louis, who died at the age of ten years; Ida, who died at the age of eight years; Gustave, who died at the age of seven years; Walter and Edward, both of whom are living at home. The children were all given the advantages of a good common-school education.

Mr. Kuehl has never sought the emoluments of public office but since arriving at voting age has cast his ballot in support of the republican party. He and his family are firm believers in Christianity and are members of the German Lutheran church. He is in a true sense a self-made man and one who could have apparently won his way anywhere. He has business ability and enterprise and while he has prospered it has never been to the injury of others. Enjoying in a goodly measure the respect of his fellowmen, he fully deserves the success which has attended his efforts in establishing a home for himself and family.

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#### WALDO EMERSON KAHLER.

Of Teutonic descent, Waldo Emerson Kahler has in his practice as a lawyer shown the national traits of perseverance and endurance which command respect the world over. These characteristics have materially assisted him in becoming established as a successful practitioner at the bar of Crawford county. He was born at Traer, Tama county, Iowa, July 13, 1880, a son of Marcus and Lena (Kuehnle) Kahler. The father was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, July 12, 1843, but the mother is a native of Dubuque, Iowa. Marcus Kahler was reared in his native land and received a good education, graduating

from an architectural school. He learned the carpenter's trade and for one year served in the German army as lieutenant of artillery. In 1868, at the age of twenty-five years, he came to America and after spending two years at Reinbeck, Iowa, went to Waterloo, where he worked for two years for the Barnes Implement Company. He then became bookkeeper and assistant cashier of the Brooks & Moore Bank at Traer and displayed such excellent ability that he continued with that concern for eleven years. After retiring from the bank he went into the lumber business at Traer and later established a branch lumberyard at Buckingham, being connected with that business at the time of his death, which occurred March 1, 1905. His wife is still living and makes her home at Traer. He was a member of the school board for more than twenty years and one of the prominent citizens of his locality. Religiously he was identified with the Congregational church.

Our subject's grandfather Kahler was a forester in Germany, holding his position under authority of the government. There were four children in his family, two sons and two daughters, namely: Marcus, Carl, Sophia and Julia. The grandfather Kuehnle on the maternal side married Mary Von Eschen. They came to America and lived at Dubuque, Iowa, where he was expert machinist in the Illinois Central Railroad shops for several years. Subsequently he removed to Waterloo and was made foreman in the Illinois Central shops, continuing in that position for twenty years. On account of the encroachments of age he finally retired. There were three children in his family, Carl F., Lena and Amanda.

Eight children came to bless the union of Marcus and Lena Kahler, six of whom are now living, namely: Hugo Victor, a physician of Reinbeck, Iowa; Waldo Emerson, the subject of this review; Elsie M., a teacher of Reinbeck; Gertrude, now engaged in teaching in Tama county, Iowa; Herbert B., who is attending school; and Zenaide, at home.

Waldo Emerson Kahler was reared at Traer and received his early education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1898. He taught school for three years, and, having decided to devote his attention to the practice of law, he matriculated in the law department of the State University at Iowa City. In 1904, having completed the full course, he was graduated with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar of Iowa soon after leaving the university, and in July, 1904, came to Denison and was identified with the firm of Shaw & Kuehnle, and with the Bank of Denison until October 1, 1906. He then went to Charter Oak and took charge of Shaw & Kuehnle's office there for one year, at the end of which time he returned to Denison and entered into partnership with Parker W. Harding in the practice of law under the title of Harding & Kahler, an association which has proven entirely satisfactory to those most concerned, the firm now enjoying a large and growing clientage.

On the 30th of October, 1907, Mr. Kahler was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Edna Stevenson, a native of Traer and daughter of Hugh W. and Elizabeth (Preston) Stevenson. The father was born in Scotland and the mother in England. They are both now living at Traer. In their family were four children, namely: Marione, Margaret Edna, Nelle and Hugh Raymond.

Mr. and Mrs. Kahler are active members of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and Improved Order of Red Men, and politically he gives his earnest support to the republican party. Although a young man and in practice only seven years, he has demonstrated an adaptability to his calling and a success in the conduct of important cases that are highly gratifying to his clients and friends. He is a fluent speaker and a clear thinker, a good judge of human nature, and, as he most thoroughly searches out the law in every cause entrusted to his care, he is an opponent who is respected even by the most experienced lawyers. It is scarcely necessary to add that he ranks high in the profession in Crawford and adjoining counties.

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### MARION A. CUE.

Among the successful farmers of Willow township is Marion A. Cue, who was born in the township where he now lives, September 15, 1872, a son of Joseph and Susan (Arrowsmith) Cue. The father was born in Wiltshire, England, June 16, 1834, the mother being also of English parentage. The paternal grandfather, William Cue, was a farmer in England. His son Joseph came to the United States at the age of eighteen and lived at Woodford county, Illinois, and also at Danville, that state, subsequent to taking up his residence in Kansas for one year. Returning to Illinois, he enlisted in 1862 in Company C, Sixty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, in which he continued until the close of the war, serving part of the time as corporal of his company. He was taken prisoner by the Confederates at Harpers Ferry but was exchanged and participated in the battles of Knoxville, Atlanta and Nashville, being in the thickest of the fight in the last named battle. During the war he returned to Illinois on a furlough and was married. After receiving his honorable discharge he again took up his residence in that state, where he engaged in farming for five or six years. In 1871 he came with his family to Crawford county, Iowa, and located upon raw land in Willow township, which he improved until it became very valuable. He acquired about three hundred and twenty acres but gave a part of his land to his sons and still retains one hundred and sixty acres. In 1903 he retired from active labor and is now living at Wichita, Kansas. In the old country he was a member of the Church of England but since coming to America he has never affiliated with any religious denomination. Mrs. Cue, the mother of our subject, was a native of New York state and a woman of many estimable traits of character. She passed away May 18, 1901.

There were nine children in the family: Frank E., who is deceased; Alfred M., now living in Nebraska; Eliza, deceased; Marion A., of this review; Arthur and Oscar, both of whom are deceased; Augusta, who married William Nutter, a farmer of Willow township; Bessie; and Ralph, who is living on the home place.

Marion A. Cue was educated in the common schools of Willow township and as he grew to manhood devoted his attention closely to agriculture and stock-raising upon the home farm. He continued with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-three years and then began farming on his own account in

the immediate neighborhood of the homestead. He is now located on sections 29 and 32, Willow township, and owns one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he has made substantial improvements. He has labored diligently and persistently to provide a comfortable home for his family and has won substantial success.

On the 12th of February, 1896, Mr. Cue was united in marriage to Miss Dora McDole, who is also a native of this county, a daughter of G. H. and Susanna Catherine (Bodenbender) McDole, both of whom were born in Paulding county, Ohio. Her parents were married in the Buckeye state and took up their residence in Crawford county, Iowa, in 1869 but later returned to Ohio. They again came to Crawford county and located in Boyer township. Mrs. McDole died in September, 1909, but the father is still living and makes his home in Dunlap. There were four children in their family: John Francis, of Mapleton, Iowa; G. H., Jr., who is living near Spokane, Washington; Dora, now Mrs. Marion A. Cue; and Rosa L., who died in infancy. One child, Lester G., has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cue. He is now a promising lad of fourteen years and is attending the public school.

Mr. Cue has spent his entire life in Willow township and it is doubtful whether any other man in the locality is better informed as to the resources of this section. He has from his boyhood been wide-awake, ambitious and enterprising, and the success he has attained is evidence of his business ability. He is a man of unimpeachable integrity and honor and enjoys in the fullest degree the confidence of his neighbors and acquaintances. In politics he adheres to the republican party and has served for four years with general acceptance as township trustee. His name is not inscribed upon the rolls of any religious denomination but he is friendly toward all churches and especially so toward the Methodist church, being often an attendant at its services.

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#### JOSEPH CLARENCE ROBINSON, D. D. S.

A native of Crawford county, Dr. Joseph Clarence Robinson belongs to a well known family, the name of Robinson being a synonym in Crawford county for highest integrity and honor. For fourteen years past he has been engaged in active practice at Denison and his reputation now extends over a wide territory in this part of the state. He was born in Milford township, August 18, 1873, son of John C. and Allie J. (Snodgrass) Robinson, the former a native of Canada and the latter of West Virginia. The father was reared and educated in Canada and came to Boone, Iowa, about 1868, where he secured employment as a clerk in a store. In 1870 he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Milford township, upon which he established his home. He prospered in his work and added to his possessions until he owned five hundred and eighty acres, becoming one of the best known citizens in this part of the county. He passed away in 1898 at the age of fifty-six years. His wife is now living at Los Angeles, California. She is a member of the Methodist church as was her husband. Our subject's grandfather Robinson was a native of England. He emigrated to Canada and located on a farm at Lynne. In his family

were five children: Henry, John C., Joseph, Richard and Mary Ann. The maternal grandfather was Rev. J. W. Snodgrass, a native of West Virginia. He was one of the pioneer preachers and he and the father of United States Senator Doliver traveled the same circuit in the early days. His wife was Mary Dudley. They came to Boone county about 1866 and passed the remainder of their lives there. In their family were four children: Allie J., Asby, Mary and Mattie, the two last named being twins. There were four children born to John C. and Allie Robinson, namely: William, now living at Los Angeles, California; John R., of Milford township; and Joseph C. and Richard, twins, the former the subject of this review and the latter of Milford township.

Joseph Clarence Robinson was reared upon his father's farm and secured his early education in the district schools, later attending the public schools of Denison and the Denison Normal & Business College. Having decided to devote his attention to dentistry, he entered the dental department of the State University at Iowa City but later transferred his allegiance to the Northwestern Dental School of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1897 with a degree of D. D. S. He at once began practice at Manning, Iowa, but on August 17, 1897, located in Denison, where he has built up a large and lucrative business. He is a member of the Iowa State Dental Society.

On the 1st of June, 1899, Dr. Robinson was united in marriage to Miss Emilie Gloe, a native of Clinton, Iowa, and they have one child, Maxine Gloe Josephine. Dr. Robinson owes his success to conscientious application to his profession, having first made thorough preparation by study under some of the most competent instructors in America. He keeps fully informed as to the latest discoveries and methods and is recognized by his brother practitioners as one of the most skilled dentists in the state. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order and has taken the thirty-second degree in Scottish Rite Masonry, being a member of Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., and the Des Moines Consistory. He also belongs to Za-Ga-Zig Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and to the Knights of Pythias. Politically, he adheres to the republican party but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of office as he prefers to devote his time and attention to his profession.

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#### JOHN H. KROHNKE.

A native of Crawford county, John H. Krohnke, of Schleswig, was born in Morgan township, April 13, 1879. He is a son of Henry and Annie (Suckstorf) Krohnke, both of whom were born in Germany. They were married in Iowa and Mr. Krohnke began farming on rented land. Being a man of unusual diligence and good judgment, he acquired a farm of his own in a few years and later became the owner of seven hundred and sixty acres in Morgan township. He cultivated his farm until 1904, since which time he has lived at Schleswig. There were four children in his family: Gustie, now the wife of William Bumann, of Bloomfield, Nebraska; John H., the subject of this review; Mattie,

the wife of William Bielenberg, now residing upon the old homestead in Morgan township; and Amelia, who is still at home.

John H. Krohnke possessed advantages of education in the district schools and remained at home until after reaching his majority. At twenty-three years of age he engaged in farming on his own account but after four years' experience turned his attention to the butcher business at Schleswig. In 1909 he disposed of his butcher shop and has since engaged in the saloon business.

On the 25th of February, 1902, Mr. Krohnke was united in marriage to Miss Christina Witt, a native of Otter Creek township and a daughter of Fritz and Johanna (Ohl) Witt. The parents were born in Germany and were married in this state. Mr. Witt engaged successfully in farming until 1902 and has since made his home at Schleswig. In the family were six children: Emma, who married Amos Hollander, of Nebraska, and is now deceased; Louis, who is now living on the old homestead; Christina, now Mrs. John H. Krohnke; Amanda, the wife of William Schmidt, of Schleswig; Benjamin, also of Schleswig; and Ella, the wife of Paul Wilson, of Schleswig. One child, Vernie, now seven years of age, has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Krohnke.

Mr. Krohnke and his wife were reared in the Lutheran faith and are now members of the German Lutheran church of Schleswig. He takes the interest of a wide-awake citizen in politics but his attention is mainly centered in his business affairs and he has never sought the honors or emoluments of office. He is a man of generous and social characteristics and in business transactions is recognized as entirely reliable.

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#### P. H. CRONIN.

Among the prosperous citizens of Boyer township few have enjoyed the favors of fortune more abundantly in recent years than P. H. Cronin. He was born in Warren county, New York, January 29, 1871, a son of Philip and Julia (Hartnett) Cronin, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father went to England and lived for a time in London, where he worked as a brick mason. He was married in England to Julia Hartnett and soon afterward came with his bride to America. They lived for a while in Warren county, New York, and then decided to locate in Iowa, selecting Clinton county for their home. In 1881 Mr. Cronin removed with his family to Crawford county and permanently located in Boyer township, where he is still living. His wife passed away in 1896. There were four children in their family: P. H., of this review; Timothy, of Willow township; D. J., who is now a druggist at Platte Center, Nebraska; and Mary, the wife of William Shannahan, who lives near Ute, Iowa.

P. H. Cronin received his education in the district schools and early engaged in farming, to which he has since devoted his attention. He has applied himself with gratifying results and is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of highly productive land. He raises grain and pays special attention to raising and marketing a good grade of horses and cattle.

Politically he is identified with the democratic party and has served as a member of the school board. In religious belief he adheres to the Catholic church and fraternally he is a valued member of the camp of Modern Woodmen of America at Dow City. He is unmarried and has no important interests aside from his farm, his chief attention being concentrated upon his business. This accounts perhaps in a large measure for his success.

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#### ORVILLE M. CRISWELL.

The development of Crawford county for thirty-seven years past is well known to Orville M. Criswell, who makes his home in Denison, as during the entire time he has been a resident of this county and an interested spectator of events. He has always held positions of trust and responsibility and at the present time is cashier of the Arion State Bank.

He was born in Blair county, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1851, a son of Benjamin and Catharine (Edelblute) Criswell, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was reared as a farmer and came to Iowa in 1852, locating in Scott county, where he successfully engaged in agriculture and stock-raising for more than fifty years. He died in 1905 at the age of eighty-five years, and the mother of our subject passed away at the age of sixty-five years in 1884. They were both consistent members of the Methodist church. Robert Criswell, our subject's paternal grandfather, was also a native of Pennsylvania. His wife was Mary Ann McElvain, and they were the parents of eight children: Benjamin, John, Robert, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Margaret, Thomas and William. Three children came to bless the home of Benjamin and Catharine Criswell, namely: Orlando B., of Scott county, Iowa; Asbury S., of Charter Oak, Iowa; and Orville M., the subject of this review.

Orville M. Criswell was brought by his parents to Scott county in his infancy and grew to manhood upon his father's farm. He received his preliminary education in the district schools and subsequently attended Cornell College. After leaving college he taught school for several years, but, having decided to devote his attention to farming, came to Crawford county in 1874 and purchased two hundred and forty acres in Charter Oak township, upon which he lived for twenty-three years, bringing it to a high state of cultivation. He sold a portion of his farm for the town site of Charter Oak. In the fall of 1896 he was elected county recorder of Crawford county and removed to Denison, assuming the office January 1, 1897. He continued in this position for six years, discharging his duties in such a way as to meet the general approval of the people. After retiring from the recorder's office he devoted his attention to the abstract business but since July, 1910, has served as cashier of the State Bank of Arion, although he still retains his residence in Denison. He disposed of his farm and invested in Dakota and Colorado lands, being now the owner of about eight hundred acres in those states.

On the 19th of March, 1873, Mr. Criswell was united in marriage to Miss Flora Belle Hart, a native of Ripley county, Indiana, and a daughter of Hiram and Mary J. (McGuire) Hart. The father was born in Ohio and the mother

in Indiana. Mr. Hart owned mills, dealt in land and operated flatboats on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. He and his wife came to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1855 and he died there July 4, 1886, at the age of seventy-eight years, his wife passing away May 17, 1902, when seventy-six years old. There were eight children in their family, namely: Abram P.; Flora B., now Mrs. Orville M. Criswell; James W.; Cloe M., who married John W. Smith; Charles R.; Frances M., deceased; John S.; and Mary J., who became the wife of George H. Hollandsworth. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Criswell was William Hart and his wife was Annabel Piatt. The maternal grandfather was James McGuire, who married Susan Fleck.

Mr. and Mrs. Criswell are members of the Methodist church, of which he is recording steward. Fraternally he is identified with Live Oak Lodge, No. 543, A. F. & A. M., of Charter Oak, and Ark Chapter, R. A. M. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Politically he gives his adherence to the democratic party. He has held all the minor township offices and was for three years a member of the board of county supervisors, filling the position of chairman of the board for two years. In public and private life he has shown a capability and enterprise that have attracted many friends and few men in the county have assisted more materially in its growth and prosperity. He clearly occupies a place as a representative citizen of this section.

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#### LOUIE KROLL.

Among the citizens who have recently located in Mapleton is Louie Kroll, a member of one of the well known families of Crawford county. Although a young man, he has shown marked ability in agriculture and stock-raising and has attained a reputation as one of the most successful farmers of his age in the county. He is a native of Germany, born July 5, 1880, and a son of William and Amelia (Brockmann) Kroll, both of whom were born in Germany. The father came to America with his family in 1884 and after spending a year in Chicago he came to Crawford county, where he worked for wages for one year. He then rented land for seven years and, having acquired the necessary capital through his thrift and perseverance, he bought two hundred acres of land, which he cultivated for five years and then disposed of. He next invested in four hundred and eighty acres in Willow township and added to his possessions until he had five hundred and twenty acres, comprising three different farms in Crawford county. He died November 4, 1910, but the mother is still living and makes her home on one of her farms in Charter Oak township. There were fourteen children in their family, of whom eleven survive, namely: Gustaf, of Monona county, Iowa; William, of Crawford county; Herman, of Monona county; Louie, the subject of this review; Ernest, Henry, Paul and John, all of Crawford county; Annie, who is the wife of John Fischer, of Monona county; and Elizabeth and Emma, both of whom are at home.

Louie Kroll attended the public schools and assisted his father upon the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age, gaining a practical knowledge of the various departments of agriculture and stock-raising that assisted him greatly



after he began business upon his own account. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Charter Oak township, which he sold after five years, and then bought one hundred and forty-four acres on section 30, Soldier township, which he greatly improved. He has managed his business with excellent ability and his farm yields handsome annual returns.

On the 9th of February, 1901, Mr. Kroll was united in marriage to Miss Freda Buenger, a daughter of Frederick and Wilhelmina (Wittecopf) Buenger, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. On April 1, 1911, he and his wife took up their residence in a handsome home at Mapleton. He is still within convenient distance of his farm and has not given up his agricultural interests. His prosperity has been gained by legitimate means and is the direct result of the application of industry and good judgment. On account of their genial, social qualities and admirable traits of character he and his wife have many friends in Crawford county.

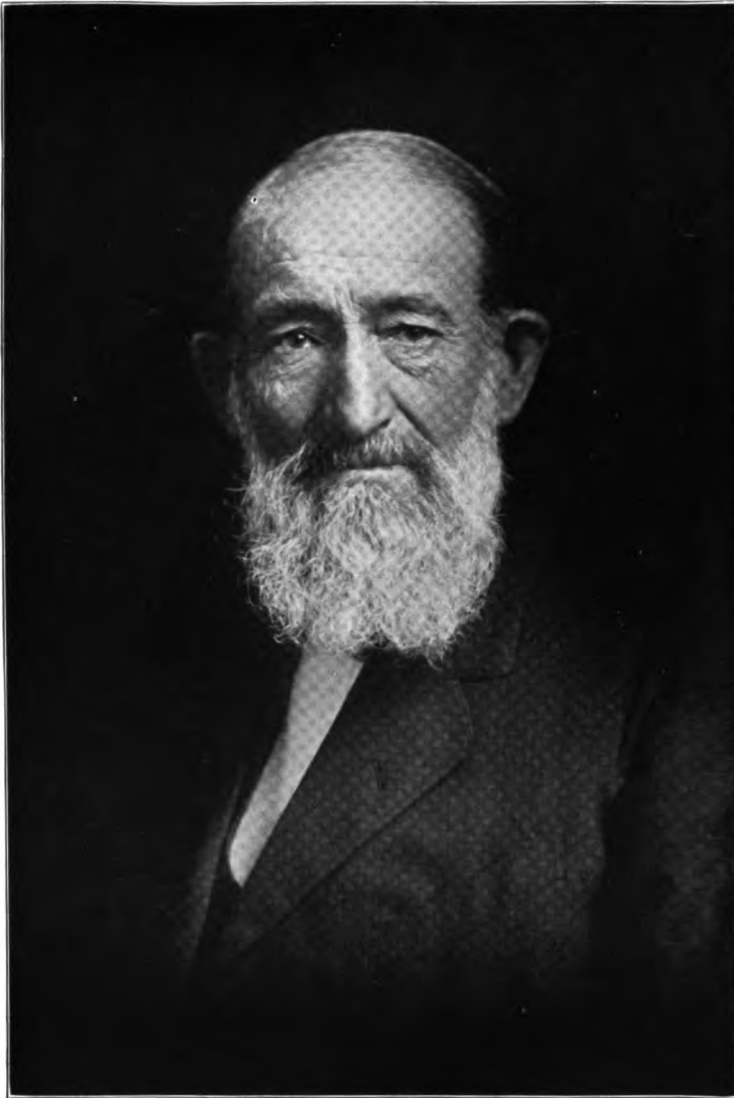
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#### A. F. BOND.

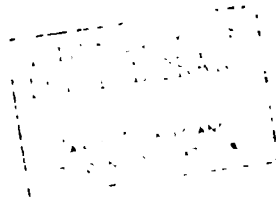
The oldest resident of Denison is Mr. Albert F. Bond. Not only is he the oldest, but he is one of the most respected of our people. Living here for more than half a century, there has been every opportunity to test him in the scales of public opinion and never in that long period of years has he disappointed his friends by any act of dishonesty, of unkindliness, or of bad citizenship.

Mr. Bond was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, March 12, 1836. He was a son of Eli B. and Celia Scott (Seagrave) Bond, both of whom were of old Puritan stock. As a boy he worked in the woolen mills of Worcester, where he lived for a number of years before the family moved to Oxbridge, Massachusetts. Later they lived at Springfield and at Milford, Massachusetts, and in 1851 the family migrated to Michigan, living first at Husdon, later at Adrian and then at Petersburg. The father had the contract for cutting wood along the line of the Michigan Central Railway and he followed the railroad, settling first one place and then another.

As a young man of twenty-one Mr. Bond came to Iowa with his uncle, J. D. Seagrave. In the party were also Mrs. Seagrave and Miss Lovina Seagrave, who afterward became Mrs. Franklin Prentice. The party went from Michigan to Dubuque by train, bringing with them their outfit, consisting of horses, wagon and necessary camp utensils. They then crossed the plains in a prairie schooner. They stopped in Delaware county, where Mr. Bond had had an uncle who died there and left a quarter section of land. They stopped and put in a crop of wheat, but growing impatient to reach their final destination they did not wait to harvest it. They reached the little town of Denison, which at that time was hardly more than a name. Mr. Bond was a mason and plasterer by trade and he found immediate employment with Warren Calkens, making the brick of which the first courthouse and residence of J. W. Denison were built. When the brick-making was completed Mr. Bond turned his hand to his old trade and did the mason work on both of these buildings. Later with E. S. Plimpton he



A. F. BOND



rented a farm and the two single young men lived together at what was called Bondville. He resided at this point for several years and it was here that he was married on February 9, 1861, to Mrs. Emma King. To them four children were born, three of whom died in infancy; a daughter, Lina, growing to splendid womanhood only to pass away at a time when life gave greatest promise.

Mr. Bond removed to Denison in 1862 and during all these years he was busy not only with his farm but with his trade, and there was hardly a residence in the olden times which did not bear the mark of his handiwork. Mr. Bond was one of the first postmasters of Denison, holding the position for several years. He also for a short time was proprietor of the principal hotel of the city. Later he built a brick residence on the corner of Church and Pine streets. In 1875, when Denison was first incorporated, Mr. Bond was elected as the first mayor, receiving a majority of forty-nine votes out of a total of about one hundred and sixty. Mr. Bond was also honored by many other positions of trust. He was constable and township treasurer, township trustee, assessor, school director, and for many years was justice of the peace. That Mr. Bond was always close to the masses is shown by the fact that he defeated such notable men as H. C. Laub and W. A. McHenry for the office of mayor and Leslie M. Shaw for the office of justice. Mr. Bond was reelected mayor and was succeeded a year later by W. A. McHenry. The later years of his life he has spent in his modest home overlooking the beautiful Boyer valley, cultivating his little farm and engaging in the manufacture of the delicious Bond ice cream, which for years has been one of the luxuries of Denison. Failing health has caused Mr. Bond to dispose of this business and to content himself with home duties and his work as a market gardener, in which line he is an expert.

Mr. Bond has been a conscientious and consistent Christian and loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and one who has done all that his means would allow to further the cause of his church and of all good things. Better than money, Mr. Bond has given to the community the example of a quiet, kindly, true-hearted man, who never yet has failed a friend and who holds high place in the affectionate esteem of all who know him.

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### JOHN DOBSON.

John Dobson is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family, whose name is inseparably connected with the settlement, growth and development of Deloit. He was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, December 21, 1834, and traces his ancestry back to Roger Dobson, who was born in England in 1683 and died in 1767. He was married in 1756 to Elizabeth Rutherford, who was born August 27, 1725, and their eldest son, Thomas Dobson, was born in the parish of Elsdon, Northumberlandshire, England, August 27, 1757. He came to America in 1784 and was married in 1798 to Catherine Riggus, who was born in Morris River township, Cumberland county, New Jersey, May 18, 1781. His death occurred on the 30th of October, 1828.

The latter's only son was Benjamin Dobson, the father of our subject. He was born in New Jersey, November 5, 1799, and was married on the 1st of January, 1818, to Keziah Wolf, who was also a native of that state, her birth occurring December 29, 1802. To them were born the following children, Thomas, Katherine, Nancy, Elizabeth, Michael, Margaret, Benjamin, Jr., John, Joseph, William and Elihu. As far as known, our subject is now the only surviving member of this family. His brother Thomas Dobson was born in Hanover township, Butler county, Ohio, February 8, 1819, and was married October 29, 1843, to Sarah Taylor, whose birth occurred in Warren county, Kentucky, August 24, 1823. In 1846 he came to Iowa and settled at Kanesville, now Council Bluffs, but subsequently became a resident of Crawford county and served as the first county superintendent of schools. He took a prominent part in public affairs and held other important offices at Denison, serving as recorder of deeds and as a member of the board of supervisors. He died at Deloit, July 28, 1878, and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ellen Horr, who resides in this county and at one time was postmistress of Deloit.

In 1804 Benjamin Dobson, the father of our subject, accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, where he grew to manhood and was married. In 1818, the year that Illinois was admitted to the Union, he removed to that state, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of Tazewell county, where he entered three hundred and twenty acres of timber and prairie land, which he broke and improved, erecting thereon a log cabin, in which the subject of this sketch was born. During the long journey of the family from Ohio to their new home in Illinois they endured many hardships incident to such a trip in those early days. Deer and other wild game were then very plentiful and furnished them with much of their meat. After fourteen years' residence in the Prairie state the father removed to Racine county, Wisconsin, where he made his home for four years, and in 1850 settled in Harrison county, Iowa. In the spring of 1852, however, he came to Crawford county and located in Milford township, a part of his farm being now the town site of Deloit, to which he gave its name. His was the second family to locate in the village. He built the first sawmill on Boyer river, which was subsequently converted into a flour and grist mill, and he carried on business there for eighteen years, from 1852 until 1870. His death occurred November 17, 1876, and his wife passed away February 17, 1863.

The early mental training of John Dobson was obtained under difficulties, as in those days educational facilities were exceedingly limited. However, he managed to attend a subscription school in Illinois, the first term being in 1839, and he continued his studies until old enough to commence work in the fields on his father's farm. He assisted in breaking the land with an ox team on the site now occupied by the town of Deloit and among his earliest recollections are many trips to Council Bluffs, hauling lumber and other merchandise with ox teams, as that city and Des Moines were their nearest trading points. He continued to follow farming as a vocation until 1900, when he embarked in the hotel business in Deloit, and has since met with merited success in that venture.

Mr. Dobson was married, February 18, 1855, to Miss Lucy Jane Winans, of Deloit, who was born near Warren, in Trumbull county, Ohio, May 22, 1836.

Her father, who was a farmer by occupation, removed with his family to Illinois in 1841 and came to Iowa in 1854. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dobson were born the following children: Merinda, who became the wife of Jesse Mason and had three daughters and one son; Julia Ann and Mary Jane, twins, the latter of whom died February 27, 1890; Clinton M., who was born January 9, 1859, and now resides in the state of Washington; Franklin C., born May 4, 1862; Julian Elihu and Junius Elias, twins, who were born April 9, 1864, and now live in Idaho; Cora, the wife of Graham Wanless; Edith C.; and two deceased. They also have twenty-three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Dobson has always upheld the tenets of the republican party, although he has never taken a very active part in local politics, and for many years served as school director in his township. Religiously he is a faithful follower of the Latter Day Saints and both he and his wife are members of the Crawford County Old Settlers Association. It is such men as Mr. Dobson who form the bulwark of American civilization, whose early labors, many privations and hardships only served to spur them on to the goal which they sought, and, undaunted by all difficulties, they continued to go forward with the indomitable spirit that has characterized the hardy pioneer. He can look back over an honorable and useful life and well deserves the respect and esteem accorded him.

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#### PETER J. EGGERS.

Although comparatively a young man and engaged only a few years in the breeding of horses, Peter J. Eggers has gained an enviable reputation and bids fair to become one of the leading horse breeders of the west. He was born in Jackson county, Iowa, February 25, 1872, a son of Fred and Anna (Dietz) Eggers, both of whom were born in Germany. The father is a farmer and veterinarian, and he and his wife are now living in Denison. He is a member of the Lutheran church, while she gives her allegiance to the Catholic church. Our subject's grandfather Eggers was a cobbler in Germany and his maternal grandfather, Frank Dietz, was also of German birth and participated in the Revolution in 1848. There were thirteen children in the family of Fred and Anna Eggers, ten of whom are now living, namely: William, of Denison township; Sophia, wife of William Marr, of Arion, Iowa; Rika, now Mrs. John Brandfas, of Crofton, Nebraska; Anna, the wife of Al Conrad, of Arion; Matilda, the wife of Thomas Ransom of Denison; Emma, now Mrs. Ralph Jackson, of Denison; Peter J., the subject of this review; Albert, of Crofton, Nebraska; John, of Paradise township, this county; and Chris, of Laurel, Nebraska.

Peter J. Eggers came with his parents to Crawford county at the age of six years and grew to manhood in Paradise township, where his father is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land. He received his preliminary education in the district schools and as a young man gave evidence of industrious and enterprising habits which have since been his prominent characteristics. On starting out in life for himself he had charge of a horse-power threshing ma-

chine, which he operated for fourteen years, his patrons being among the most prosperous farmers of the county. He then embarked in the livery business at Denison, with which he was connected for five years. From his youth he has been a lover of horses, and his father being a veterinarian the son gained a knowledge of animals not possessed by the ordinary boy. He knew of the demand for horses of a better grade in this country, and he decided to devote his attention to horse breeding, an industry for which he was well qualified by education and experience. He breeds Percheron and Norman horses and his patronage has grown to such dimensions that in 1909 he imported eleven carefully selected head from Europe.

On the 26th of December, 1896, Mr. Eggers was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Sheridan, who was born in Dunlap, Iowa, June 11, 1875, a daughter of James and Bridget Sheridan. The parents were born in Ireland and came to this country when quite young with their respective parents who lived near Dixon, Illinois, later removing to Harrison county, Iowa. The father passed away March 11, 1906, at the age of sixty-five years, but the mother still survives. There were eleven children in their family, two of whom are now living: Mary, the wife of William Coan, of Denison, and Sarah. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eggers: Glen, Vern and Grace, all of whom are living at home.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Eggers are both Catholics. Politically he gives his support to the democratic party. He is a man of large public spirit and for the past five years has served most acceptably as member of the city council. He has accomplished much good for the farmers of Iowa and the west by importing the finest Percheron and coach horses that can be found and he well deserves the success that has attended his efforts to introduce high grade horses into this country. Personally he is a genial and companionable gentleman and has many friends in Iowa and other states who have been attracted to him by his pleasing qualities.

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#### MICHAEL COPPS.

Michael Copps, the owner of a well equipped livery at Charter Oak, is one of the progressive citizens of the community. Through close application and a thorough acquaintance with his chosen calling he has gained a splendid reputation as a business manager and he is also known as one of the most public-spirited men in the community.

He was born in Canada, January 20, 1873, a son of Patrick and Ann (Dolan) Copps. The parents were both of Irish descent and were born in Canada. The father worked in the pineries until 1876 and then came with his family to Iowa and began farming in Shelby county. After three years he removed to Crawford county and continued upon a farm until his retirement in 1889. He lived at Charter Oak until recently but now makes his home with his children, having reached the age of sixty-nine years. The beloved wife and mother died in 1895. There were thirteen children in the family, twelve of whom are now living:

Mary, the wife of Thomas Fairweathers, of Massachusetts; Edward, of Sioux City, Iowa; Michael, of this review; Martha, the wife of Anthony Carroll, of Maxbass, North Dakota; Daniel, of Burke, South Dakota; Anna, who married Antoine Topf, of Dallas, South Dakota; B. Ellen, the wife of Peter Smith, of Plainview, Nebraska; Sarah, who lives in Sioux City, Iowa; Patrick, of Spencer, Nebraska; John, of Charter Oak; Elizabeth, of Kansas; and Thomas, also of Spencer.

Michael Copps came to Iowa with his parents and received his preliminary education in the public schools, all the children of the family having good educational advantages. At sixteen years of age he began working in the livery establishment at Charter Oak, which he now owns. He worked for wages for seven years and then purchased the place, since which time he has developed it into the most important business of the kind in Charter Oak.

In April, 1900, Mr. Copps was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Hopper, who was born in Chicago in 1877, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Hopper. The parents were married in Chicago and the family came west about 1877, settling in Crawford county. Mr. Hopper engaged in farming until 1905, when he removed to Denison, where he died one year later. The mother passed away in 1902. Of their family of six children five survive, namely: Margaret, the widow of Lawrence Winans, now living in Charter Oak; Nellie, now Mrs. Michael Copps; Thomas, of South Dakota; Elizabeth, of Charter Oak; and John P., of Sloan, Iowa. Two children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Copps, Marie Inez, who was born September 9, 1904; and Helen Clara, born April 5, 1908.

Mrs. Copps is a high-school graduate and engaged in teaching for nine years with great success. The members of the family are all connected with the Catholic church. Politically Mr. Copps gives his support to the republican party. He served as constable and for four years past has been a member of the city council. He is identified with Lodge No. 1892, M. W. A., of Charter Oak, and is a sincere believer in its principles of brotherhood. He is a man of good taste and everything about his barn indicates that he gives close attention to his business in all its details. As a result of his efforts to please his patrons their number is increasing until he is at the head of one of the substantial and paying concerns of Charter Oak.

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#### HENRY BULLER.

A large number of the citizens of Stockholm township either trace their lineage to or had their birth in Sweden, and among the latter class is numbered Henry Buller. He was born in that country on the 9th of December, 1856, a son of Hans and Martha (Henderson) Buller. The year 1866 witnessed the arrival of the Buller family in America, settlement being first made in Minnesota, but after a residence there of but two years removal was made to Iowa, the home being established in Boone county. Five years later Hans Buller brought his family to Crawford and took up his abode on the old homestead in Stock-



holm township, which is now the property of his son Henry, with whom he makes his home. He has now reached the venerable age of eighty-five years, having survived his wife for a long period, her death occurring in 1886. Their family consisted of seven children, as follows: two who passed away in infancy; Peter, of Sac county, Iowa; Henry, of this review; Hans, a resident of Montana; Martha, deceased; and William, who has also passed away.

Henry Buller was a lad of ten years when brought by his parents to the new world, and his education, which had been begun in Sweden, was completed in the schools of Minnesota and Iowa. The period of his boyhood and youth was spent amid the scenes and activities of rural life, and upon laying aside his text-books he naturally turned his attention to the work of the farm, wisely choosing as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared. The old homestead has remained his place of residence to the present time and to its cultivation he is directing his entire energies. The property, which consists of one hundred and ten acres, is located on section 6, Stockholm township, and is a finely developed place, equipped with substantial buildings and all of the improvements and accessories of a modern and up-to-date farm. Here he carries on general farming and also engages quite extensively in stock-raising, and the success which he is enjoying speaks strongly for progressive methods, close application and unfaltering energy and determination.

It was on the 14th of February, 1887, that Mr. Buller was united in marriage to Anna Huhnberg, a daughter of Erick and Ericka Huhnberg, and by this union have been born five children, namely: Walter, Reuben, Viola, Randolph and Mattie, all at home.

The parents attend the Free Mission, while politically Mr. Buller gives his support to the republican party. His life has been one of continuous activity, for he early recognized the fact that the foundation of all prosperity must be earnest effort, and the success and position of independence to which he has attained have therefore been well merited.

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#### ROBERT GLOCKZIEN.

America has been called the land of opportunity and to thousands it has proven not only a land of opportunity but a land in which they have conquered fears of poverty and dependence and obtained home and fortune. It would be difficult to find a more striking illustration of this statement than is presented in the career of Robert Glockzien, who is now the owner of one of the finest farms of Crawford county, embracing four hundred and thirty-five acres, all of which he has acquired by his own efforts. He was born in Germany, October 19, 1848, a son of Gottlieb and Elbertina (Lentz) Glockzien, both of whom passed their entire lives in the fatherland. The father was a tailor by trade, and the head of a family of three children: Robert, the subject of this review; Herman and August, both of whom are living in Germany.

Robert Glockzien received the advantages of a common-school education in his native land and grew up under the friendly shelter of the parental roof. In

1868, being then twenty years of age, he crossed the ocean to America, spending the first eighteen months in New York, at the end of which time he went to California, where he followed the cobbler's trade for twenty years. By patient industry and the application of thorough principles of economy he acquired sufficient capital to start as a farmer and accordingly he came to Crawford county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and twenty acres, which he cultivated for seven years, largely increasing its value. Having disposed of this land he bought one hundred and ninety-five acres, to which he has since added two hundred and forty acres. The farm is one of the most attractive features of the landscape in that part of the county, everything about it indicating thoughtful care and attention. It is located on section 8, Charter Oak township, and section 11, Hanover township. Mr. Glockzien devotes his attention to general farming and as he understands his business thoroughly, every year witnesses an increase financially in his favor.

On the 5th of March, 1888, Mr. Glockzien was united in marriage to Miss Ernestine S. Kroll, who was born in Germany, May 10, 1867, a daughter of William C. and Henrietta Kroll, both of whom spent their entire lives in the old country. The wife of our subject was their only child. She came to America in June, 1881, and made her home for seven years in Chicago, being married in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Glockzien are the parents of three children: Eichmann, who was born November 15, 1888, and received a common-school education; Louisa, born December 22, 1890; and Robert, born April 10, 1893. These children can all fluently read, write and speak the English and German languages, and all give promise of useful lives.

Mr. Glockzien began in a humble capacity but by overcoming obstacles gathered strength, so that he is today independent financially and a highly respected citizen of one of the largest counties of Iowa. Politically he is allied with the democratic party but has never sought to mingle in public affairs as his interests are centered upon his family and his farm. In religious belief he and his wife are identified with the German Lutheran church, of which they are earnest supporters.

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#### JOHN A. KULLBERG.

John A. Kullberg, deceased, was for twenty-eight years prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Crawford county, where he served as an admirable example of what may be accomplished by industry and application. Born in Kalmarian, Sweden, May 6, 1855, he was a son of Andrew Kullberg, the other surviving members of the family being as follows: Carrie, who married Alfred Thorngren and lives in Sioux City, Iowa; Louisa, who became the wife of Nels Larson of Sweden; Christina, the wife of Alfred Norman of Pennsylvania; Emma, who married Swan Benson, of Odebolt, Iowa; Selma, who became the wife of Alfred Anderson and lives in Sweden; Charles, who resides in Sioux City, Iowa; and Andrew P. E., of Lake View. Two other children are deceased.

John A. Kullberg remained in his native land until he was twenty-five years old, when he became convinced that he would find broader fields for business opportunities in the new world and accordingly in 1880 he came to the United States, making his way to Sac county, where he remained for two years. In 1882 he moved to Crawford county and rented a section of land, which he continued to cultivate for about six years, at the expiration of which period he bought four hundred and forty acres, which he cleared and fenced and upon which he erected good buildings. He sold forty acres of this and also disposed of more land to the railroad when it was built through the locality, leaving him three hundred and seventy-four acres, which his three sons took charge of in March, 1911, and where they will continue to follow general farming on the scale outlined by their father.

The marriage of Mr. Kullberg occurred February 5, 1885, when he was united to Miss Christina Freeman, of Harcourt, Iowa, a daughter of Samuel and Ann (Johnson) Freeman. Unto them were born ten children, of whom the following survive: Carl A., John E., Ernest M., Alice A. and Annie S., all of whom are residing under the parental roof. The other five children died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Kullberg was always a republican and fraternally was affiliated with the Masonic order. He passed away August 17, 1910, and in his death the community realized that it had lost a useful and valuable citizen—one who had always led an upright and honorable life in all his relations with his fellowmen. He was what may be termed a self-made man, for he began his business career without capital or influential friends to aid him and his success was due entirely to his unaided efforts and sound judgment in business affairs. His many friends held him in the highest regard and to his family he was a loving husband and father.

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### JOHN W. HIGGINS.

A productive farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Willow township yields gratifying returns for the labor of John W. Higgins. He was born on the place where he now lives, January 5, 1884, a son of John and Mary (Gaynor) Higgins. The father was born in Ireland and came to the United States at the age of eighteen. He spent nine years in Chicago and then, having decided to devote his attention to agricultural pursuits, located in Crawford county, Iowa, upon a tract of eighty acres on section 26, Willow township. He improved his farm and then disposed of it, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres on section 18, where he lived for twenty-eight years. He cultivated the soil, planted trees and made the farm one of the most attractive properties in the locality. In 1908 he removed to Ute, Iowa, where he now lives retired. The mother of our subject also was born in Ireland and was married to Mr. Higgins at Chicago. She now enjoys with him the fruits of many years of labor. There were seven children in the family, six of whom are now living, namely: Mary, who is at home; Margaret, the wife of Dan Hartigan, who lives near Ute; Johannah, who married

Patrick Devin and is now living on part of the home farm; Anna and Lizzie, both of whom are at home; and John W., of this review.

Educated in the district schools of Willow township John W. Higgins early displayed a power of application to his studies which gave good evidence of his mental ability and his desire to make the most of opportunities in life. He continued at home until twenty years of age and then went to Chicago, where he became connected with the wholesale department of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company. However, he yielded to an irresistible desire to return to agricultural pursuits and accordingly came to Crawford county and began farming on his own account on sections 27 and 28, Willow township. After two years he went to Stanley county, South Dakota, and settled upon a homestead but did not prove up on it, lacking from October until the following March. Returning to Crawford county, where conditions are much more favorable than he found them in South Dakota, he farmed the Shipley place for one year and then removed to his father's farm, where he has since resided. He is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of good land, which he has cultivated with marked success.

On the 12th of February, 1907, Mr. Higgins was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Ball, a native of Monona county, Iowa, and they have two children, Daniel and Laverne. Although Mr. Higgins is only twenty-seven years of age he has made an excellent start in business and ranks as one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of his township. His success is due mainly to his interest in his work and an honorable ambition to accomplish what he undertakes regardless of the time or labor involved. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, in whose principles he is a firm believer. He is a strong advocate of education and has served as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the camp of Modern Woodmen of America at Ute, and he and his estimable wife are members of the Catholic church in whose faith they were reared.

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#### A. PETER BERG.

A. Peter Berg is one of Sweden's contributions to the citizenship of Iowa, and his career has ever been characterized by those sturdy qualities which are the birthright of the Swedish race. He was born on the 9th of July, 1850, a son of Olef and Katherine Berg, both natives of Sweden. The family came to the United States in 1870, locating in Crawford county, Iowa, where the father spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1884. The mother, however, still survives and at the age of ninety years makes her home with the subject of this review, who was the eldest of a family of four children, the others being: Anna and Christina, twins, both of whom are now married; and Maggie.

A. Peter Berg spent the period of his boyhood and youth in his native country and there acquired a common-school education. He was a young man of twenty years when, in 1870, the family home was established in the new world, and in the following year, upon attaining his majority, he entered business life inde-

pendently, following for several years in the miller's trade, which he had learned in the old country. Later he took up farming and has since engaged in general agricultural pursuits. Since 1874 he has also operated a threshing machine, his activity in this direction proving most successful and remunerative. His home farm, which consists of eighty acres on section 5, Stockholm township, is a well improved property, containing fine buildings and all modern improvements and accessories for facilitating farm labor. He is also the owner of three hundred and twenty acres in Colorado and his extensive property holdings indicate the life of industry, thrift and perseverance which he has led.

Fraternally Mr. Berg holds membership with the Masons, belonging to Odebolt Lodge, No. 398, A. F. & A. M., and his life record has ever been in harmony with the beneficent principles of that order. Since becoming an American citizen he has given his support to the republican party but has never sought nor desired public office. He has, however, been loyal to the interests and institutions of his adopted country, casting the weight of his influence on the side of those measures and movements which have for their object the welfare of the community in which he resides and the general public at large. He has combined with the sturdy qualities characteristic of his nationality—honesty, thrift, determination and a large capacity for earnest labor—the spirit of progress which dominates the American race, and the combination has not only resulted in substantial success in the business world but speaks for honorable and valuable citizenship.

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### JOHN FISCHER.

Through well applied industry John Fischer, who lives in Hanover township, has acquired a farm of two hundred and forty acres which yields substantial annual returns. He represents the progressive and trustworthy element of the community and his ability has received recognition by his neighbors and friends, he having served with general satisfaction as secretary of the German Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Ida and Crawford counties. This position he filled with the greatest fidelity.

He was born in Germany, January 23, 1862, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joachim Fischer, both of whom were natives of Germany. They were married in the old country and came to America in 1869. The father died in Chicago, and later the mother settled in Crawford county, Iowa, making her home with her children until her death. One child, Frederica, was in the family besides the subject of this review. She is now the wife of Gustave Rabe, a farmer of Crawford county.

At seven years of age John Fischer crossed the ocean to the new world and has since made his home under the friendly shelter of the American republic. He received his education in the public schools and began farming for himself at the age of twenty years. He bought eighty acres of land in Hanover township, which he still owns, and by economy and diligence was enabled as the years passed to purchase more land until he acquired two hundred and eighty acres. Of this one hundred and sixty acres is located in Monona county, Iowa. He engages in general farming and handles a good grade of stock. For six years

past he has filled the office of secretary of the German Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company and has assisted very materially in enhancing its prosperity.

On the 13th of November, 1881, Mr. Fischer was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Koeppen, who was born in Germany, July 6, 1864. She is a daughter of Lewis and Frederica (Dabal) Koeppen, who were married in the fatherland and came to America in 1870. They lived for eight years in Chicago and then settled in Crawford county, where Mr. Koeppen became the owner of eighty acres of land, thus acquiring a competence for himself and family. He died in 1901, but the mother is still living on the old homestead, having now reached the age of sixty-nine years. Of their children five still survive, namely: Bertha, now Mrs. John Fischer; Alvina, the wife of Oscar Knoblock, of Denison, Iowa; John, of Joliet, Illinois; Louis, now living on the old homestead; and Mary, who lives in South Chicago. Eight children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fischer, namely: Ida, who was born December 14, 1882, and lives at home; Martin, who was born July 5, 1884, and is now a farmer of Monona county; John, who was born August 1, 1886, and also engages in farming in Monona county; William, who was born January 31, 1888, and is at home; Gustave, born May 1, 1892; Louis, who died at the age of four years; Selma, born April 28, 1900; and Arthur, born December 16, 1902.

Politically, Mr. Fischer is identified with the democratic party and is an active worker in its behalf. He has served for eight years past as assessor of his township. He and his family are members of the German Lutheran church and are sincere believers in its teachings. He is a man of genial disposition who readily attracts others and is widely known in this part of the state. He started out with a laudable ambition to accomplish a worthy purpose in life, and as he possesses marked ability he has in a large measure accomplished the object of his desire.

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### JOHN KOCK.

Although he had many difficulties to overcome John Kock of Jackson township, bravely persevered and today he is the happy owner of a fine farm of two hundred and eighty acres, which gives evidence of his ability as a business man and practical farmer. He is a native of Germany, born January 20, 1857, son of Claus and Sophie (Dean) Kock. The parents came to America and the mother died in Arcadia, Iowa, at the age of sixty-one years. The father is now living in Wyoming. There were five children in their family, namely: Henry, who joined the German navy and was killed in a collision at sea; John, of this review; William, who is now living in Texas; Herman, of Elk Point, South Dakota; and Sophie, who is the wife of W. C. Bolty, of Wyoming.

John Kock received his preliminary education in the public schools of Germany and continued a resident of his native land until after reaching manhood. In 1881, having arrived at the age of twenty-four years and being ambitious to accomplish something in life even though it should require his presence in a strange land and among strangers, he crossed the ocean and arrived in Carroll county, Iowa. Two years after coming to this country he was married and then

began farming upon his own account by renting eighty acres which he cultivated to good advantage for three years. He then went to Minnesota and bought eighty acres, upon which he lived for five years. Not being entirely satisfied with conditions in that state, he sold his farm and returned to Carroll county, Iowa, where once more he rented eighty acres of land and engaged in general farming. A few years later he came to Crawford county and for four years rented one hundred and sixty acres and prosecuted his work so ably that in 1902 he purchased two hundred acres of good land on section 15, Jackson township, upon which he established his home. To this he has since added eighty acres, which is on section 14 of the same township, and he now has one of the most desirable properties of the size in his part of the county. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, and as he applies himself with energy and ability he is eminently successful in his labors.

On the 23d of February, 1883, Mr. Kock was united in marriage to Miss Mary Witt, a daughter of Reimer and Caroline (Holedorf) Witt. The parents were born in Germany and are now deceased. Seven children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kock, namely: Henry and William, both of whom are engaged in farming in Crawford county; and George, John, Rudolph, Mary and Caroline, all at home.

Mr. Kock through his own exertions has won his way to his present enviable position and, therefore, is entitled to high credit for what he has accomplished. He is a persistent worker and also possesses a goodly amount of sound judgment which is indispensable in the accomplishment of any important object. Since arriving at voting age he has given his support to the republican party. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen, in whose principles of brotherhood he is a sincere believer, and in religious belief he adheres to the Presbyterian church.

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#### WILLIAM G. MULLENGER.

During the thirty-four years of his residence in Crawford county agricultural pursuits have claimed the attention of William G. Mullenger, who is residing on a well cultivated farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Nishnabotny township. He is the eldest son of W. R. and Mary (Tyler) Mullenger, his birth having occurred in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the 1st of October, 1857. The parents were both natives of England, where they resided until 1857, when they emigrated to the United States and located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They removed to Iowa in 1862, settling in Audubon county, where the father homesteaded land and followed his trade. He continued to reside here until 1874, in which year he took a trip through Nebraska, Minnesota and Missouri. Eight children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Mullenger, those beside our subject being: Robert, who is living near Hamlin, Iowa; Mary, who is a resident of Oregon; Charles, Fred, James, Ernest and Emma. The mother passed away in 1871 but the father is still surviving and makes his home with his daughter in Oregon.

William G. Mullenger attended the common schools of Audubon county, and following the completion of his education he learned the printer's trade but was

unable to follow it on account of his health. When a youth of nineteen he came to Crawford county, arriving here on the 1st of April, 1877, and working as a farm hand for Lem Goodrich and other agriculturists for several years. Subsequently he began farming on his own account, first settling on wild land in Denison township, where he remained for three years, and then bought a farm in the same township of H. C. Laub. He remained upon the latter place for eleven years, at the expiration of which period he sold it and purchased his homestead in Nishnabotny township, which consists of one hundred and twenty acres on section 7.

Mr. Mullenger was married in 1889 to Miss Mary Johnson, and they became the parents of three children: Ruby, William and Mildred, all of whom are at home. Although he always gives his political support to the republican party, Mr. Mullenger does not actively participate in local governmental affairs, as he has never aspired to official honors. He is one of the worthy citizens of Crawford county and is well regarded in the township where he resides.

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#### GEORGE W. STEPHENS.

Over fifty years ago George W. Stephens came with his parents to Iowa and after arriving at maturity was connected for many years with the newspaper interests of Crawford county. Today he is living retired at Denison in the enjoyment of the fruits of his well directed labors. He was born at Holidays Cove, West Virginia, March 18, 1846, a son of John and Elizabeth (Lytle) Stephens, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father learned the wagon-maker's trade but later engaged in farming. He removed to Nevada, Iowa, with his family in 1857 and died there seven years later, being then fifty-seven years of age. His wife also died at the age of fifty-seven years in 1866. They were both consistent members of the Presbyterian church and possessed many characteristics which attracted friends. There were twelve children in their family, seven of whom are now living.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, David Stephens, was a native of Pennsylvania and was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was a farmer and served in the war of 1812, being under Commodore Perry, who had charge of the land marine at Fort Erie. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Nancy Kennedy, died at the age of seventy-three years but her husband passed away at the age of sixty-nine. There were nine children in their family. The great-grandfather was Isaac Stephens, of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, who married Rachel Johnson. The maternal grandfather was Hugh Lytle, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and of Scotch descent. He engaged in farming and served for a short time in the war of 1812, being at Fort Erie under Perry. His wife was Eleanor Boyd. They lived to the ages of eighty-eight and eighty-five years respectively and were the parents of nine children. Our subject's grandmother Kennedy was of Welsh descent.

George W. Stephens removed with his parents when he was a child to Ohio, the family making their home near Steubenville for several years. At eleven



years of age he came with his parents to Nevada, Iowa, and grew to manhood in that place, receiving his education in the public schools. After laying his books aside he learned the printer's trade, and on February 16, 1867, came to Denison and founded the Denison Review, of which he had charge for two years. He then worked as journeyman printer at Denison and also at Jefferson, but returning to Denison founded the Crawford County Bulletin, which he conducted in partnership with T. G. Dannels for one year and then with A. B. Keith for one and one-half years, at the end of which time Mr. Keith assumed control of the newspaper and Mr. Stephens of the job office. A year later he merged the job department with the Review, a paper published by J. Fred Myers.

On the 16th of October, 1870, Mr. Stephens was united in marriage to Miss Eliza S. Burk, a native of Greensburg, Indiana, and a daughter of B. W. and Mary A. (Blackmore) Burk. Her parents were born in Kentucky and came to Denison about 1869. There were seven children in their family, four of whom are now living. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens was brightened by the birth of three children, namely: Blanche, Edna Belle and Charles L.

Mr. Stephens has many friends throughout this portion of the state, with which he has been intimately identified almost from boyhood. He came to Denison when it was a village and has been a witness of its growth and also of the development of Crawford county until it is one of the most flourishing parts of the state. His mind is stored with many interesting reminiscences and few men are more intimately acquainted with the history of this section since the Civil war. He has voted with the republican party ever since arriving at manhood and has contributed to the extent of his ability toward its success. Fraternally he belongs to Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., of Denison, and served most acceptably as secretary of the lodge for seven years, from 1903 to 1910.

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#### OSCAR LEHMAN.

That Oscar Lehman understands his business as an agriculturist and stock-raiser is shown by the orderly appearance of his farm in Charter Oak township, and he is regarded as one of the most industrious and efficient farmers of that section of the county. A native of Leipsic, Germany, he was born in August, 1861, a son of Albert E. and Augusta (Borsdorf) Lehman, both of whom were also born in Germany. They passed their entire lives in their native land, the father dying in 1892 and the mother five years later. There were five children in their family, two of whom, Oscar and Hans Albert, came to America. The others are still making their homes in the old country.

Oscar Lehman possessed excellent advantages of education in the public schools of Leipsic, which are regarded as among the best in the world, and he is also a graduate of a gymnasium of Germany, which corresponds to many colleges in America. He was an ambitious young man and at the age of nineteen he decided to seek his fortune among strangers. Accordingly he crossed the ocean and spent the first three years in America working by the month in Missouri. He then went to Wyoming, where he devoted his attention to agri-

culture and stock-raising for seventeen years and became quite successful in a vocation to which he has devoted his best thought and energy. In 1900 he came to Crawford county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Charter Oak township, which under his management has been greatly improved. He devotes his attention especially to stock-feeding and is one of the successful stock-feeders of his township.

In 1891 Mr. Lehman was married. One child, Edward, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lehman, his natal day being February 23, 1892. He received a good common-school education and is now an employe in the Farmers State Bank of Charter Oak.

Politically Mr. Lehman gives his allegiance to the republican party and has served as trustee of his township for two years. Fraternally he is well known in Crawford county, being a member of the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America. In the management of his business affairs he has shown a discrimination and judgment that have produced very satisfactory results and each year witnesses increasing prosperity in his business. He is a public-spirited man and, having possessed good advantages of education early in life, he is unusually intelligent and broad-minded. He has seen considerable of the world and has always exercised an influence for advancement in everything with which he has been connected. No man in Charter Oak township deserves more creditable mention in a history of Crawford county than the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch.

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#### WILLIAM CLAUSON.

For sixteen years William Clauson has been engaged in the cultivation of a farm in Stockholm township. A native of Crawford county, his birth occurred on the 14th of July, 1869, a son of C. F. and Catherina Clauson, who emigrated to the United States from Sweden in 1868, and located upon a farm in Stockholm township, where the father continues to live at the venerable age of seventy years. The mother, however, passed away on the 10th of April, 1892. Fourteen children were born to them, five of whom still survive: Alfred J., a resident of Crawford county; William, our subject; Edward E., living in Kiron; Otto E., also of this county; and Eda C., now Mrs. Edward Anderson, of Crawford county.

The education of William Clauson was acquired in the district schools of Crawford county. He has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits first assisting his father in the management of the homestead, following which he rented eighty acres in 1895 which he has farmed continuously since. He has met with reasonable success in his undertakings and has invested in a forty acre tract on section 21, Stockholm township. Although he is engaged in general farming he devotes considerable energy to stock-raising, in which he is meeting with gratifying returns.

On the 19th of January, 1895, Mr. Clauson was united in marriage to Miss Annie Naslund, a daughter of John and Sarah M. (Hanson) Naslund. Two

children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Naslund: Annie, and Peter, a resident of Crawford county. Mr. and Mrs. Clauson have become the parents of five children, two of whom, Edward and Myrtle, the second and third in the order of birth, have passed away. The others are: Clarence, Eldon and Mabel, all of whom are at home.

The religious views of the family are indicated by their membership in the Baptist church of Kiron. Mr. Clauson votes in accordance with the dictates of the republican party and always takes a prominent part in local politics, having held various offices in his township and is now serving as constable. He is well regarded in the community where he has spent his entire life and has many friends who esteem him for his worthy qualities as a citizen and neighbor.

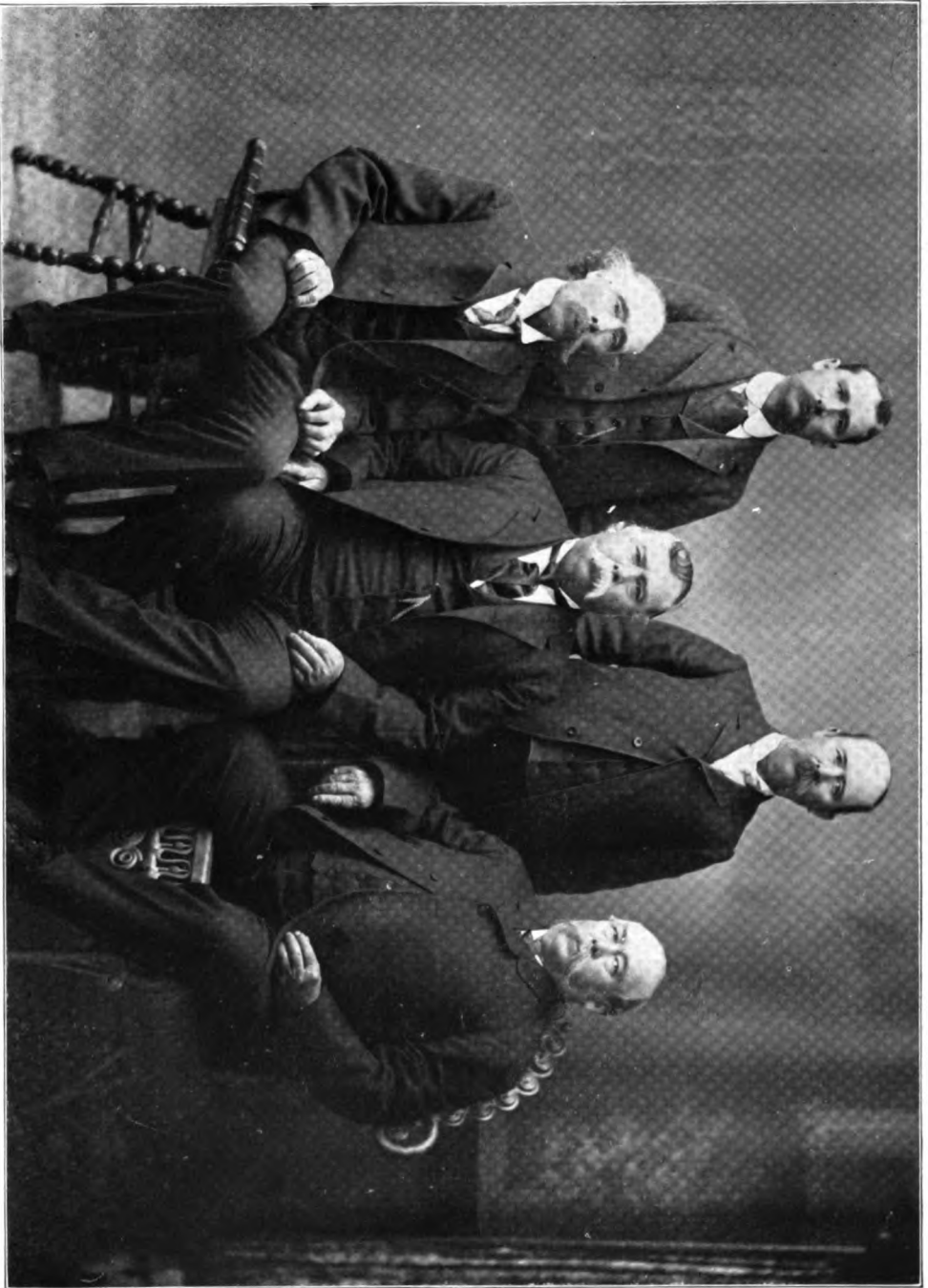
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### JOHN DALE NEWCOM.

Among the pioneers to whom Crawford county is greatly indebted for the development of its natural resources must be numbered John Dale Newcom, who by his thrift, energy and well directed effort has acquired eleven hundred acres of land in Stockholm and Milford townships. He was born in Scotland county, Missouri, on the 11th of January, 1843, his parents being W. T. and Margaretta (Dale) Newcom, originally from near Frankfort, Kentucky. Migrating to Crawford county in the spring of 1867, Mr. Newcom bought two hundred and ten acres of prairie land, which he cleared and improved, continuing its cultivation until he passed away at the age of eighty-two years. A man of remarkable vitality and endurance, he always led an active life, continuing to travel over the Iowa prairies on horseback until he had passed the eightieth anniversary of his birth. Robust and healthy, he was never ill, and retained full command of his faculties until the last, death coming to him while sitting in his chair. He enlisted for the Black Hawk war in Springfield, Illinois, where he was also mustered out, going to the front under the command of General Whiteside. Mrs. Newcom's demise occurred at the age of seventy-two, three years prior to that of her husband.

Thirteen children were born to them, as follows: Mary E., the wife of Charles O. Stovall, of Peabody, Kansas; James S., who passed away on the 25th of March, 1909; Martha A., who died at the age of eighteen while living in Missouri; John Dale, our subject; Sam, a resident of Boyer; Clarinda, the wife of T. D. Tucker, of Kent, Washington; Richard, who lives in Mason City; Robert, who died in infancy; George W., living in Odebolt, Iowa; Alice, the deceased wife of W. M. Tucker, of Denison; Cassius W., of Bonesteel, South Dakota; Louisa, who married C. Arnold, of Mason City; and Joshua, of Arlington, Nebraska. A rather unusual coincidence in connection with the wives of the seven sons of the Newcom family is remarked in the names, four of them bearing that of Mary and three of the four Mary Jane.

The early years of John Dale Newcom were spent on the homestead in Missouri, in the district schools of which state he acquired his education. He was not much more than a youth when he came to Iowa, where he obtained employ-



JOSHUA DALE NEWCOM      RICHARD W. NEWCOM  
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ment as a farm hand at fifteen dollars per month. Being very ambitious, he aspired to become a property owner, so with this end in view practiced the most rigid economy, carefully putting away his earnings until in 1865 he was able to buy one hundred and thirty acres of land. Here he engaged in general farming and stock-raising, improving his farm as he was able, and at the same time he kept adding to his holdings until his realty aggregated eleven hundred acres, which is located on sections 28, 29, 32 and 33 of Stockholm township and sections 4, 5 and 8 of Milford township. The homestead is known as the Newcom Siding Stock Farm, as Mr. Newcom takes great pride in his stock, particularly his Hereford cattle, of which he has an excellent breed.

Mr. Newcom has twice married, his first union being on the 1st of November, 1868, with Miss Sarah Ann Dobson, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Taylor) Dobson, of Deloit, Iowa. Mrs. Newcom, who passed away in February, 1881, was laid to rest in the cemetery of her parental home at Deloit. Of the two children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Newcom but one attained maturity, Anna Beatrice, who became the wife of J. L. Riggleman, of Crawford county. The son, James Eli, died at the age of four years. For his second wife Mr. Newcom chose Miss Mary Jane Johnson of Palmyra, Missouri, a daughter of William R. and Clementine (Adams) Johnson, to whom he was married on the 22d of February, 1882. There have been no children born of this union, but Mr. and Mrs. Newcom have adopted two, Raymond I. and Irene Newcom.

Mr. Newcom affiliates with the church of the Latter Day Saints and his wife with the Christian denomination. His political support is always given the men and measures of the democratic party. He has never been an office seeker, however, always having preferred to devote his energies to the direction and advancement of his personal interests. He is in every sense of the word a self-made man, his unusual success being entirely attributable to his own untiring and capably directed effort. Through a period of nearly fifty years' residence in Crawford he has made many acquaintances, the majority of whom can be classed under the more intimate term of friends, and each and all accord him the respect his powers and ability must ever command.

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### M. J. CONWAY.

M. J. Conway, one of the successful and progressive farmers of Denison township, Crawford county, was born on Clayton street, Chicago, Illinois, July 3, 1871, a son of John F. and Lucy (Kane) Conway. The parents were both natives of Ireland, emigrating to the United States in 1855 and locating in Chicago, where they were married. For some time thereafter Mr. Conway engaged in the lumber business but subsequently, on account of ill health, he returned to Ireland, where his death occurred in 1876. Mrs. Conway with her family removed from Chicago to Crawford county, Iowa, in 1881, locating in Washington township and remaining there until 1884, in which year she removed to Denison township. Here she became the wife of Thomas Griffin, whose death occurred in February, 1904. By her first marriage she became the mother of

three children, namely: Thomas, deceased; M. J.; and Mary Ellen, deceased. No children were born of the second union, and her demise took place July 9, 1906.

M. J. Conway spent his early youth in Chicago, where he attended the public schools, later continuing his studies in the rural schools of Crawford county and finishing his education by a commercial course at Denison College. He remained at home until February, 1901, and then rented land in Denison township, which he operated for three years, at the end of that time buying eighty acres on section 21, Denison township. This he retained until 1909, when he purchased one hundred and twenty acres on sections 25 and 26, which he has developed into a highly improved farm with all modern equipments. Here he has since followed general farming with that degree of success that comes to all that strive for it.

In 1901 Mr. Conway was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Ellen Fitzpatrick, a daughter of Frank and Anne (Griffin) Fitzpatrick, both natives of County Clare, Ireland. Her father is still living in Denison and had eleven children, namely: Elizabeth, Thomas, Margaret, Anne, Nicholas, Mary, Gertrude, Jane, Lucy, Leona, and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Conway have one child, Mary, born in 1907.

In his political views Mr. Conway is an earnest advocate of democratic principles and has faithfully served his party in various responsible offices from time to time. He was elected township assessor four times, was township clerk for three years, was chosen as a member of the democratic central committee, has been a member of the election board for several years and at present is school treasurer of Denison township. In religion both he and his wife are faithful and conscientious adherents to the Catholic faith. Mr. Conway is a loyal citizen and has always given his best efforts in supporting those projects that go to promote public good and is classed as one of the public-spirited men of his township.

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### JOHN BORNHOFT, SR.

A successful farmer, John Bornhoft, Sr., is to be congratulated on selecting Crawford county, Iowa, as his home. He is a native of Germany, born July 11, 1855, and a son of John and Anna (Strollendorf) Bornhoft, who were both born in Germany. The family came to America in 1883 and located in Crawford county, Iowa, where the father was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred February 8, 1895. The mother was called away three years later. Four children were born to them, of whom three are now living.

John Bornhoft, Sr., of this review received his early education in the public schools and at the age of fifteen began work on his own account. After arriving in America he engaged as a farm hand until he was thirty-eight years of age. In 1893 he began independently as a farmer and purchased the land where he now lives in West Side township. His place originally comprised one hundred and sixty acres on section 23 but he has since acquired one hundred and sixty

acres in Hayes township so that his land includes three hundred and twenty acres, which through his industry he has made highly productive. The place is supplied with many modern improvements and everything about it gives evidence of careful attention on the part of the owner, so that he receives liberal returns upon his investment.

In 1878 Mr. Bornhoft was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Joensdotter, a native of Sweden and a daughter of Bens and Christina Bengksten. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bornhoft, namely: John, August, Ann, Henry, Gustaf, Clara, Walter, Edna and Ella. The daughter Ann, third in order of birth, is now the wife of Henry Schoessler. Mrs. Bertha Bornhoft departed this life March 31, 1901, and Mr. Bornhoft was married in February, 1902, to Mrs. Alvina Burmester, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, January 25, 1859, a daughter of Nicholas and Dora Blocker. Her father is deceased but her mother is now living in Jackson county, Iowa. Mrs. Bornhoft became the mother of four children by her former husband, namely: Emma, Richard, Anna and Dora.

Mr. Bornhoft is a man of acknowledged integrity and his word once given is as sacred to him as his bond. The success he has achieved as a farmer is entirely attributable to his own efforts and reflects upon him the highest credit. Politically he gives his adherence to the republican party and, although he has not sought official honors, he served most creditably for two years as road supervisor. He and his wife and family are members of the Lutheran church and active workers in all causes that have for their object the permanent advancement of the neighborhood.

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#### WILLIAM BENNIGSDORF.

A young man of eighteen when he came to America, William Bennigsdorf applied himself with such ability that in a few years he became a landowner and is now one of the substantial farmers of Charter Oak township and is known as one of the prosperous men of the county. He is a native of Germany, born November 16, 1874, and a son of Henry and Anna (Meyer) Bennigsdorf, both of whom were born in Germany. The mother died in 1877, when William of this review was three years of age, and two years later the father was married to Louisa Butterbred, who died in the old country in 1906. The father came to America in 1907 and has since lived with his children. By his first marriage seven children were born, six of whom grew to maturity, namely: Louisa, now the wife of Henry Haverling, of Howard county, Iowa; Minnie, the wife of Henry Meyers, of Denison; Fritz, of California; William, the subject of this review; Henry, who died in Germany; and Lena, who married Emiel Specht, of Charter Oak township, and is now deceased. By his second marriage the father had two children, one of whom died in infancy, and the other, August, passed away at the age of twelve years.

William Bennigsdorf arrived in America in 1892. He was then eighteen years of age, abounding in life and energy and fully determined to make an



honorable name for himself. He worked by the month until 1898 and then rented land for five years, acquiring the capital with which he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Charter Oak township. The place is located on section 35 and its neat and attractive appearance is evidence of the care bestowed upon it by its fortunate owner. He raises grain and feeds stock, which he sends to the market in prime condition, thus commanding the highest prices. He has attained his responsible position by his intelligence and willingness to work, two highly important elements which almost invariably lead to success.

On March 2, 1898, Mr. Bennigsdorf was married to Miss Dora V. Wamser, who was born in Germany, March 4, 1872, and is a daughter of Hans P. and Margaret (Knuth) Wamser, both of whom spent their entire lives in the old country, the mother passing away in 1903 and the father seven years later. To them eight children were born: Marie and Katrina, both of Germany; Anna, the wife of Peter Ketelsen, of Crawford county, Iowa; Magdalena, Christina and Margaret, all of whom are living in Germany; and Dora V., now Mrs. William Bennigsdorf. A daughter, Margaret, died in Germany at the age of fourteen years. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Bennigsdorf has been blessed by the birth of five children, namely: Harry H., who was born January 12, 1900; Arthur E., born February 16, 1905; Herbert R., born January 3, 1907; and Alvina and Clara I., both of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Bennigsdorf, like thousands of ambitious young men of Germany, had the courage to leave home and friends and seek in a foreign land the opportunities denied the great body of the people in the old countries of Europe. Actuated by a noble ideal, he applied himself to good purpose and he is now practically independent financially, although only thirty-seven years of age. He and his wife are consistent members of the German Lutheran church, and they have many friends in Crawford county.

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#### EDWIN W. ANDERSON.

Among the worthy citizens of Stockholm township contributed by Sweden must be numbered the late Edwin W. Anderson, a son of Andrew and Christina Anderson, both of whom spent their entire lives in the land of their nativity. His birth occurred on the 21st of October, 1840. He acquired his education in the common schools of his native land, of which he remained a citizen until he reached the age of twenty-nine years. Being convinced that the United States must afford better opportunities for industrious young men than Sweden, he took passage for America, and on his arrival in this country he located upon a homestead in South Dakota, in the cultivation of which he engaged until he had proved up his claim. He then removed to Sioux City, where he followed the carpenter's trade for nine years. Coming to Crawford county in 1887, he settled upon a forty acre tract of land on section 19, Stockholm township, which belonged to Mrs. Anderson. After operating this for a time they added to their holdings another tract of similar size, which they acquired by purchase from Mrs. Anderson's brother, thus making their homestead eighty acres, and Mr.

Anderson later bought eighty acres on section 29, south of the homestead. He continued to reside on the original eighty acres, engaged in general farming and stock-raising, until he passed away on the 12th of March, 1908.

Mr. Anderson was united in marriage on the 25th of May, 1876, to Miss Christina Weberg, a daughter of Peter and Bertha (Johnson) Weberg. Four children were born to them: Anna, who is at home; Naomi, the wife of W. R. Torbert, of Denver, Colorado; Leroy; and Lillian, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson affiliated with the Baptist church. Although he never actively participated in public affairs of a governmental nature, he gave his political support first to the republican party, but later to the democratic party, believing that its policy was best adapted to serve the interests of the working man.

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### OSCAR C. JOHNSON.

One of the splendid farms of Otter Creek township is the property of Oscar C. Johnson, who is a native of Crawford county, born on the 9th of August, 1877. He is a son of Carl J. and Nellie (Hanson) Johnson, natives of Scandinavia, the father emigrating to America from his native land in 1868 and the mother in 1871. They located in Crawford county, Iowa, where they bought forty acres of land, and engaged in general farming and stock-raising. After residing on this tract for some time they sold and purchased eighty acres elsewhere and by means of thrift and hard work were able to add to this another forty, making the aggregate of their holdings one hundred and twenty acres. It was unimproved at the time of their purchase but during the period of their occupancy was brought to a high state of cultivation and is now one of the valuable properties of the township. There were five children in their family, the son Oscar being the second in order of birth. The others are: Hilma, who is living with her brother on the old homestead; Edward, who lives in Ida county; Emil, who is a resident of South Dakota; and the fifth, who died in infancy. The mother passed away on the 11th of February, 1908, and the father survived but two weeks, his demise occurring on the 25th day of the same month.

Oscar C. Johnson received his education in the district schools of Crawford county, during which period he was a member of his father's household. His early life was that of practically every boy born and reared in the rural communities. He early began to assist in the work of the farm, his duties and responsibilities increasing as his strength developed with the passing years. Upon the death of his father he inherited the homestead, being the eldest son. The place is located on sections 1 and 2, Otter Creek township, and there he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, from both of which industries he is enjoying lucrative returns.

On the 2d of April, 1901, Mr. Johnson established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Maggie Christina Anderson, a daughter of Lars and Martha (Oleson) Anderson. Mrs. Johnson is the second in a family of four children, the other members being as follows: Andrew, who lives in Ida county; Eric,

who is deceased; and Abraham, a resident of Kiron. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are also the parents of four children: Florence, Myrtle, Russell and Bernice. They are identified with the Baptist church by membership.

Politically Mr. Johnson is affiliated with the republican party, and although he is not an aspirant for office he takes an interest in all local governmental matters, and always casts a ballot on election day in support of the men and measures of that organization.

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### JEROME S. MELTON.

Looking back over a long and active career, beginning as a soldier in the Union army when seventeen years of age and extending through thirty years of arduous work as a bricklayer, Jerome S. Melton has many interesting subjects for thought. It has been with him a principle to do to the best of his ability whatsoever he has attempted, and as a result he is now enabled to live retired in a pleasant home, which is the fruits of labors of former years.

He was born in Scott county, Iowa, June 18, 1847, a son of Preston and Zerna (McDonald) Melton, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. The father was by trade a brickmaker. In his young manhood he removed to Indiana, where he was married and lived for several years near Greencastle. About 1842 he came to Iowa and took up his home in Scott county, where he followed his trade. In 1857, however, he again made a change of residence, settling in Brown county, Kansas. He departed this life in 1860, being then sixty years of age, and his wife passed away at the age of seventy years. She and her husband were both consistent members of the Methodist church and were highly respected by all who knew them. Clifton Melton, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a farmer of Kentucky and had four sons: Preston, Clifton, Nehemiah and Sydney. The maternal grandparents were natives of Canada. There were seven children in the family of Preston and Zerna Melton, namely: John F.; Sidney; Philip; Sarah, who became the wife of William Gray; Hannah, now deceased; Zura, who married William Effingham; and Jerome S., the subject of this review.

Jerome S. Melton was reared principally in Scott county, Iowa, and possessed advantages of education in the district schools. He spent three years in Kansas but returned to Scott county, where he worked for a month on a farm. In 1864, being then seventeen years of age, he responded to the call for soldiers and enlisted in Company A, Fourteenth Missouri Cavalry, serving for two years principally against the Indians. The records indicate that he was one of the faithful men of his company and in times of danger faced the bullets of the enemy without flinching. Although having many narrow escapes he passed through unscathed. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Scott county and engaged for two years in farming, then taking up bricklaying, which he followed almost without interruption for thirty years, making his home in Denison from 1876. He has lived retired since 1908.

On the 1st of August, 1868, Mr. Melton was united in marriage to Miss Susan A. Smith, a daughter of Alexander and Catharine Smith, and a native of Davenport, Iowa. Her father was a native of Virginia and her mother of Indiana. After living for some time in this state they removed to the state of Washington, where they continued until their deaths. Six children of their family grew to maturity: John, Jacob, James, May, Catharine and Susan. Mr. and Mrs. Melton are the parents of eleven children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: William; Alexander; Jessie, who married John Liggitt, of Deadwood, South Dakota; Cora, who married George Bailey, of San Francisco, California; James; and Price, Zura, Lilly, and Katie, all four of whom are deceased.

Mr. Melton is a valued member of John A. Logan Post, G. A. R., and politically, gives his support to the republican party. He has never sought the honors or emoluments of office but many years ago served as constable. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist church. He is a man of kindly disposition and his generous nature has awakened a response in the hearts of many who are his warm personal friends. Nobly has he performed his part in the development of Denison, many of the finest and most substantial buildings of the city standing as visible evidences of his handiwork. He has always had great faith in the growth of the city and his faith in its future is even brighter than ever before.

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#### B. F. MITCHELL.

Among the prominent farmers and stock-raisers of West Side township is B. F. Mitchell, who has gained an enviable reputation as a breeder of full blooded Poland China hogs and shorthorn cattle. He is a native of Ireland, born in September, 1855, a son of B. and Jennie Mitchell, both of whom passed their entire lives in the old country.

B. F. Mitchell of this review was reared on the Emerald isle and received his early education there. He continued with his parents until reaching manhood, and then, being ambitious to make the most of his life under the most favorable conditions, he crossed the ocean to America and spent nine years at Sterling, Whiteside county, Illinois. In 1883 he came to Crawford county, Iowa, and purchased a farm of three hundred acres, which he cultivated for three years, and then sold, buying the place upon which he now lives. His farm comprises two hundred and eighty-seven acres and is located on section 33, West Side township. He has made many improvements, thus greatly adding to its original value. While he raises grain and engages in general farming, he specializes in registered stock and upon his place may be seen some of the finest shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs that can be found in Crawford county. He is a man of excellent judgment and has made a gratifying financial success of his business.

On the 10th of February, 1878, Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Kate F. Flynn, who was born in Franklin Grove, Lee county, Illinois, a daughter of Peter and Anna (Station) Flynn. Her parents were both born in Ireland and came to America when they were children, the father passing away

June 28, 1896. The mother is still living and has now arrived at the age of seventy-four years. There were nine children in their family, seven of whom survive. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell has been blessed by the birth of seven children, five of whom are now living, namely: William J., Bernard F., Edward Earl, Gertrude E. and Florence A., all of whom are at home. Edward is a graduate of high school. Mabel O. was born January 25, 1886, and died August 27, 1888.

Mr. Mitchell has always been true to every trust and capable in the discharge of his duties. Politically he gives his allegiance to the democratic party and although he has never sought the honors of office he served for seven years most effectively as a member of the school board. He and his wife are actively identified with the Catholic church and are quick in responding to every movement that seeks to promote the permanent interests of the neighborhood.

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### JOHANN NEUMANN.

It required an abundance of courage and a strong faith in himself for Johann Neumann to leave home and friends in Germany when he was a young man and to establish himself among strangers in America, but he has met with success in the new world and is today one of the prosperous farmers of Stockholm township, Crawford county, Iowa. He was born April 10, 1854, a son of Frederick and Maria Neumann, who came to America in 1883 and located in Crawford county, where they both died. There were five children in their family, four of whom are now living.

Johann Neumann was educated in his native land and remained there until twenty-eight years of age, when he emigrated to the new world. He came direct to Crawford county and worked as a farm hand for four years, at the same time becoming acquainted with the language and customs of the country. He began farming independently by renting land for one year and then purchased eighty acres on section 3, Stockholm township. As his resources permitted he bought more land until he now owns two hundred acres, which he has greatly improved. He conducts his business capably and has met with a gratifying measure of success, being one of the energetic and progressive farmers of the township.

In 1886 Mr. Neumann was united in marriage to Miss Anna Tams, who was born in Schleswig, Germany, May 1, 1853, a daughter of Detlef and Katherine Tams, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America in 1879 and located in Crawford county, where her parents continued during the remainder of their lives. There were eight children in their family. Ten children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Neumann, namely: Elisabeth, now the wife of John Neumann, of Omaha, Nebraska, who has the same name as her father but is not related; Maria, the wife of Henry Neumann, of Omaha; Minnie, now Mrs. John Hagge, of Boone county, Iowa; Anna, the wife of Louis Gronau; Augusta, who engages in dressmaking and lives at home; and Frederick, Amelia, Freda, Johann and Walter, all of whom are living at home.

Mr. Neumann started empty-handed in his pursuit of fortune, but he resolutely practiced self-denial in the years when it was necessary and was nobly assisted in his efforts by his wife, who has been to him a constant source of encouragement. Together they overcame all obstacles and they are now established amid comfort and plenty. Politically he is allied with the democratic party and religiously he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church.

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### EMIL NELS SANDSTROM.

Although Emil Nels Sandstrom is yet numbered among the younger residents of Stockholm township, his life span covering little more than three decades, he is nevertheless recognized as one of her most enterprising and progressive business men, his well directed efforts proving resultant forces in the acquirement of a substantial and gratifying success. The old homestead which his father purchased in this county shortly after his arrival in the United States was the place of the son's nativity, his birth occurring on the 24th of August, 1880. His parents, S. N. and Mary (Oleson) Sandstrom, natives of Sweden, are yet residents of Crawford county and are mentioned at length on another page of this volume.

Reared to farm life, Emil Nels Sandstrom acquired his education in the district schools near his home and when not busy with his text-books assisted in the work of the farm, being thus engaged until seventeen years of age. He then turned his attention from agricultural pursuits for a time and between the ages of seventeen and nineteen was employed as a clerk in a general store. He next accepted the position of assistant postmaster at Kiron, which he occupied for about three years, when, at the age of twenty-two years, he was married and again took up farming, to which he has since devoted his attention. He removed to a farm of three hundred and twenty acres—the property of his father—located in Stockholm township, and this has continued to be his home to the present time. Besides the cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate, he engages extensively in hog and cattle feeding, and with the passing years his efforts in both branches have met with substantial and gratifying success. In 1905 his farm was swept by a fire, which not only destroyed every building upon the place but also caused the loss of from six to seven hundred bushels of oats and about one hundred and seventy-five tons of hay. The buildings have since been replaced by new ones, which are up-to-date and modern in their equipment, and various other excellent improvements which he has made constitute his farm one of the valuable and desirable properties of Stockholm township. Nor has the scope of his activity been confined to the boundaries of his well developed and highly improved farm, for as he has prospered he has given time and attention to other interests and he is now president of the Farmers Lumber & Coal Company and secretary of the Kiron Telephone Company, connections which indicate the enviable place which he has made for himself among the business men of the locality.

It was on the 4th of March, 1903, that Mr. Sandstrom was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Delphine Lundell, the eldest in a family of twelve children born to P. G. and Amanda (Berg) Lundell. Her brothers and sisters are as follows: Edna, of Des Moines; Abbie, with her parents in Sac county; and Edith, George, Martin, Elizabeth, Edmund, Mildred, Harold, Constance and Bayard, all at home. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sandstrom has been blessed with three children, but the eldest, Wesley, passed away on the 20th of December, 1905, at the age of sixteen months. The surviving children are: Alice Loraine, born January 14, 1906; and Marvin Maynard, born January 6, 1908.

The religious belief of Mr. Sandstrom is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, while in politics he affiliates with the republican party. He has served as clerk of his township for the past eight years and takes a public-spirited interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare and upbuilding of the community in which he has resided throughout his entire lifetime. His circle of friends has steadily widened as the years have gone by until it is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance, and that many of his warmest friends are those who have known him longest is indicative of the fact that his life has ever been governed by those principles which command the respect, confidence and good-will of all.

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#### P. F. BURKE.

P. F. Burke, one of the foremost representatives of a family which for two generations has been closely identified with the agricultural development of Crawford county, is a native of Ireland, his birth occurring in County Galway. His parents, Martin and Margaret (Grady) Burke, were born and married in the same county but migrated to the United States when their son was about ten years of age. After living in Jersey City for two years they removed to Crawford county, Iowa, locating on a farm four miles southeast of Buck Grove. They were thrifty, hard-working people and when the father retired five years ago they were cultivating four hundred acres of land, all of which they owned. Mr. Burke made a specialty of stock-raising and met with most gratifying success in that venture. Four children were born to him and his wife, the order of their birth being as follows: P. F., Ed., Martin and M. J. The three latter all live in Denison. The wife and mother passed away in 1905 but the father is still living and makes his home in Denison, enjoying the comfort and ease which the income from his large estate provides him.

P. F. Burke attended the district schools of Crawford county. His early years were spent in a manner similar to most farm lads and when not in school he had to assist in the work of the farm, his duties and responsibilities increasing with the passing years. He remained at home until he had passed his twenty-fourth birthday and then rented land in Washington township, which he cultivated until four years ago, when he bought the place where he is now living. His homestead consists of one hundred and sixty acres of well improved and highly cultivated land in Washington township. Although he engages in general

farming and stock-raising he makes a specialty of breeding and raising hogs and is rewarded by most lucrative returns.

Mr. Burke was united in marriage in 1900 to Miss Margaret Faulkner, who is a native of Greene county, Iowa, and they have become the parents of the following children: Joseph, Edward and Leonard. Edward, the second child, has now passed away. The family attend the Catholic church, of which the parents are communicants. Mr. Burke's fraternal relations are confined to membership in the Modern Woodmen of America, his local affiliation being with the Dow City Lodge. Ever since acquiring the rights of suffrage Mr. Burke has given his support to the candidates of the democratic party. He does not take a particular active interest in local politics, not being an aspirant for office. However, he meets the demands of good citizenship by going to the polls and casting a ballot on election day.

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#### CLAUS J. PETERS.

Claus J. Peters, who for nearly half a century has been a resident of Crawford county, during the greater portion of which time he was associated with the agricultural interests but is now living retired in Schleswig, is a native of Germany. His birth occurred on the 2d of September, 1836, and he is the fourth in the order of birth and the only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peters. The others were as follows: Paul, Henry, Peter, Catrina and Beepke. The mother passed away while Claus J. was yet too young to remember her, but the father survived for some years and he, too, died in his native land.

Claus J. Peters spent his boyhood and youth and part of his early manhood in the fatherland, serving in its army in the year 1859-60, but in 1864 he decided that better opportunities awaited him in America than he could ever realize in the old country so took passage for the United States. He made his way westward almost immediately after his arrival and located in Davenport, Iowa, where he remained for two years and then removed to Crawford county. Here he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land and engaged in general farming and stock-raising, which occupations he followed for a period of thirty-eight years. He was an energetic and thrifty man and during that period acquired a competence, which, combined with the amount realized from the sale of his farm in 1904, enables him to live retired.

Mr. Peters has twice married. His first wife was Miss Lizzie Lauman, and there were five children born to them, only two of whom, Henry and William, both of this county, are living. The wife and mother passed away in 1880 and on the 4th of March, 1881, Mr. Peters was married to Miss Emma Schroeder, a daughter of Henry and Margaretta (Kipple) Schroeder. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder were the parents of the following children: Andrews, deceased; Julius, living in Otter Creek township; Doris, deceased; Emma, the wife of C. J. Peters; Marea and Bertha, both deceased; and Johannes, living in Montana.

Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peters: Minnie, the wife of Rudolph Kolls, of South Dakota; Bertha, who became the wife of J. Stott, of



Montana; Hugò, also a resident of Montana; Anna, the wife of Thomas Hollander, of Otter Creek township; Ella, Julius, Amil and Herbert, all of whom are at home; and Eda, the youngest, deceased.

The family affiliate with the Lutheran church. For several years Mr. Peters was unable to discharge his own business, owing to an injury which he sustained when thrown from his wagon. Although the accident left no permanent physical effects it was some time before he recovered his memory, in fact it was several months before he remembered his name, but gradually his faculties were restored and now, although he has passed the Psalmist's allotted span, his health is good and his mind to all purposes is as clear as it ever was.

The men and measures of the democratic party always receive Mr. Peters support, and although he has never actively participated in political affairs, not aspiring to public office, nevertheless he is to be found at the polls on election day casting his ballot for the candidates of the party with which he affiliates. During the long period of his residence in the United States he has never regretted transferring his allegiance from his native land, although there are many customs and ideas of the old country to which he clings, believing they are superior to some American innovations.

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#### HENRY REINKING.

Henry Reinking, who lives in a comfortable, modern residence in Schleswig, where he enjoys the ease and comfort denied him during the early years of his life, is in every sense of the word a self-made man. He was born in Germany on the 19th of February, 1838, a son of Ernest and Louisa (Meyer) Reinking, who spent their entire lives in the fatherland. Twelve children were born to them, as follows: Dedrich, William and Charles, who are deceased; Henry, our subject; Ferdinand, who is a resident of Chicago; Louis, living in Wheaton, Illinois; Fritz, who resides in Cedar county, Iowa; and Ernest, Minna, Lena and Louisa, deceased; and Sophie, who is the wife of Joe Pnactretz, of Cedar county.

Henry Reinking spent his boyhood and youth in the land of his birth, but he was an ambitious young man and at the age of eighteen years decided that his chances of attaining his aspiration were much better in the new world than in the old, so in 1856 he took passage for the United States. He located near Chicago on his arrival and obtained employment as a farm hand, which occupation he followed for three years. At the end of that period he made a trip to the old country and upon his return again took a position on a farm in the locality where he had previously worked, which he retained until 1862. In the latter year he showed his loyalty to the country of his adoption by enlisting in Company I, One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and going to the front to uphold the Union cause. Although he was wounded he most faithfully and valiantly served until peace was restored and he was mustered out as a sergeant. At the close of the war he again returned to Chicago and undertook farm work but in 1867 removed to Cedar county, Iowa, where he bought eighty acres of land. After cultivating this for five years he sold it and went to Butler county

and purchased two hundred and twenty acres, being engaged in general farming there until 1872, at which time he disposed of his property and removed to Crawford county. Here he rented one hundred and sixty acres for three years and then bought one-half section in Ida county. He was a tireless worker and capable manager, which combined with thrift and determination, enabled him to add to his holdings another three hundred and twenty acres, so that he now owns an entire section of highly cultivated land, which his four sons are operating. Mr. Reinking's life is but one of the many examples of what may be accomplished by application and perseverance, and it is one well worthy of emulation.

Mr. Reinking was united in marriage on the 4th of October, 1867, to Miss Louisa Meyer, of Cedar county, Iowa, a daughter of Frederick and Caroline (Sieling) Meyer, who were the parents of eight children, as follows: Henry, a resident of Kansas; Fred, now residing in Woodbury county, Iowa; Louis, who lives in Dakota; William, living in Minnesota; Louisa, the wife of Henry Reinking; Caroline, who married Charles Reinking, of Woodbury county; Emma, deceased; and Minnie, the wife of John Peterson. Mr. and Mrs. Reinking had six children, but only four are now living: Fritz, Charles, August and William, all of whom are on the old homestead in Ida county. Louis, the second born, and Lena, the third child and only daughter, are both deceased.

The family affiliate with the Lutheran church. Mr. Reinking has always supported the men and measures of the republican party and despite his extensive personal interests has ever found time to serve in various minor offices in his township. He is a public-spirited, progressive man who would be an acquisition to any community, and his abilities have always been recognized and accorded the respect which is their due. He has ever been a loyal citizen and feels he has nothing to regret and much to be grateful for in having emigrated to the United States.

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#### HENRY HANSMAN.

From a farm hand to the ownership of a productive place of one hundred and sixty acres and a home possessing the conveniences of modern life is a long step but it has been accomplished by Henry Hansman, of West Side township. He is a native of Germany and is undoubtedly indebted to sturdy characteristics inherited from worthy ancestry for a large share of his success. He was born in the province of Hessen, Germany, June 6, 1858, a son of Conrad and Anna E. (Smith) Hansman. The parents were both natives of Germany and passed their entire lives in the old country. Of the four children in their family two are now living.

Henry Hansman acquired his early education in the public schools of his native land and grew to manhood under the paternal roof, continuing in Germany until he was twenty-one years of age. Having decided to seek his fortune among strangers he bade farewell to relatives and friends and in 1881 went aboard a vessel which landed him in America. For three years he worked as a

farm hand, and then, having acquired a good practical knowledge of agriculture and stock-raising, he rented two different farms, upon which he continued for eleven years. In 1894 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 4, West Side township, which became his home. He has made many improvements on his farm, which each year under his care has become more valuable. He devotes his attention to general farming but makes a specialty of raising and feeding Berkshire and Poland China hogs, and as he uses sound judgment he has attained deserved success.

On the 19th of January, 1884, Mr. Hansman was united in marriage to Miss Alice Luckhardt, who was born in Germany and came to America at the same time with himself. They were married in Crawford county and by this union seven children have been born, namely: Lizzie C., the wife of A. P. Bottgar of Des Moines, Iowa; Henry, deceased; and Henry J., Anna L., Carl F., Leona Mary and Elsie E., all of whom are at home.

Mr. Hansman is a striking example of a self-made man. When he landed in America his cash resources were only twenty dollars, but he had a stout heart and two strong and willing arms and through an energy and perseverance that never wavered in the face of difficulties he forged his way to a comfortable competency. His excellent wife nobly assisted him during the years of his early struggles and shares with him in the reward of a happy home and freedom from worry over financial obligations. They are both sincere members of the Lutheran church and active workers in its behalf.

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#### FRANK SLECHTA.

Among the successful farmers of Crawford county who are of Bohemian birth Frank Slechta occupies an honored place. He was born January 11, 1872, and is the eldest son of Albert and Mary (Vonnestic) Slechta. The father emigrated to America with his family in 1881 and located in Crawford county, Iowa, where he rented land for ten years. He applied himself to such good advantage that he then purchased two hundred and forty acres, which became the home place. He passed away at the age of seventy-seven, but the mother is still living and resides on the old homestead with her son Albert. There were seven children in the family, four of whom survive: Frank, of this review; Albert, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and Joseph and Charles, both of whom are living at home.

Frank Slechta came with his parents to Iowa when he was nine years of age. He was educated in the public schools, pursuing his studies with an interest which gave bright promise as to his future. After laying his books aside he continued at home, assisting in the work of the farm until he was thirty-one years of age, and then began farming on rented land, devoting his attention to one hundred and sixty acres for two years. After acquiring sufficient capital he purchased one hundred and twenty acres on section 24, Milford township, and does general farming, making a specialty of feeding hogs and cattle for the

market. He has a well developed property, on which are substantial buildings, and he secures gratifying annual returns for his labor.

On the 15th of April, 1902, Mr. Slechta was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Resler, a daughter of Frank and Rose (Cofel) Resler, in whose family there were nine children, seven of whom are now living, namely: Mary, who is now Mrs. Slechta; Frank, who is living in Johnson county, Iowa; Annie, the wife of Louis Hirdlicka, of Johnson county; and Joseph, Louis, Edward and Emma, all of Johnson county. Three children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Slechta: Lilly Helen, who is now eight years of age, Grace Rose, now six years of age, and William Frank, about a year old.

Mr. Slechta was early introduced to labor and his success has been largely due to his industry and especially to his good judgment. He does not yield to difficulties but generally finds a way by which he accomplishes any worthy object in which he becomes interested. On account of his steady character and creditable record as a business man he is highly respected by his neighbors and by all with whom he comes into contact. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, and in religious faith he and his wife are identified with the Catholic church.

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#### JAMES HANNAH, JR.

At twenty-six years of age James Hannah arrived in Crawford county and worked as a farm hand. Today he is the happy owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which is provided with the best facilities known and yields a handsome annual revenue. He comes of sturdy Scotch parentage and was born in Scotland, June 18, 1850, a son of James and Margaret (Glenn) Hannah. The family came to America in 1852 and after stopping for a while in Connecticut traveled westward to Kane county, Illinois, where the parents continued during the remainder of their days. There were nine children in their family, of whom eight are now living.

James Hannah, Jr., has no recollection of his trip across the ocean as he was only two years old when he came with his parents to the new world. He received his early education in the district schools and remained at home, assisting in work about the farm, until he reached the age of twenty-four. He then began working for neighboring farmers and in 1876, believing that Crawford county presented superior advantages, he came to this county and at the end of two years had accumulated sufficient capital to purchase the farm upon which he has since lived. It is located on section 4, West Side township, and consists of one hundred and sixty acres. He has greatly improved his place by planting groves and also an orchard, making it one of the attractive features of the landscape. He engages in general farming but specializes in feeding hogs for the market and meets with liberal returns for his industry.

Mr. Hannah's interest is centered in his farm, although he finds time to attend to his duties as a citizen and casts his ballot for the candidates and principles of the republican party. He is in favor of an honest business administra-

tion of public affairs and yields to no other man in love for the county and state of his adoption. The fortunate possessor of a pleasing address and genial manner, he readily makes friends and on account of his acknowledged integrity he is a favorite in his section of the county.

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### ANDREW KRAEMER.

Ever since his earliest recollection Andrew Kraemer has resided on the farm where he now lives, in Hanover township, Crawford county. He has been intimately connected with the agricultural interests of the county ever since his boyhood and is recognized as one of the progressive and enterprising men who may be depended upon at all times to assist in the development of this section.

He was born in Clinton county, Iowa, August 29, 1874, a son of John and Anna (Miller) Kraemer, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was born in May, 1836, a son of Andrew and Magdalena Kraemer, the former of whom died at the age of eighty-one and the latter at seventy-three years of age. There were three children in their family, John, Bernard and Nicholas, the last two of whom are now deceased.

John Kraemer, the father of our subject, came to America in 1866, being then thirty years of age, and after working for a year in a factory in Chicago, removed to Clinton county, Iowa, and was employed for seven years on farms and in a sawmill. He began farming on his own account in Clinton county, with such favorable results that in 1877 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Crawford county which he still owns. After taking up his residence upon this land he brought it to a high state of cultivation and also increased his holdings until he became the owner of a valuable farm of four hundred and eighty acres on sections 20 and 17, Hanover township, becoming recognized as one of the leading farmers in his part of the county.

On the 12th of February, 1872, in Clinton county, John Kraemer was married to Miss Anna Miller, who was born in Germany, November 13, 1839, a daughter of Antony and Anna (Casper) Miller. The parents both died in Germany, the father passing away at forty years of age and the mother when she had reached the age of forty-eight years. There were four children in their family: Anna; Nicholas, now a retired farmer of Nebraska; and Nicholas and Margaret, both of whom are deceased. Four children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kraemer, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Andrew, the subject of this review; Julia, the widow of Henry Kohles, who was born July 24, 1876, and is now living at home; and Katherine, who was born May 15, 1879, and is now living at home.

The father is now living retired having turned over the active management of the farm to his son. Politically he is identified with the democratic party but has never sought public office, although he served very acceptably as road supervisor of his township for four years and also as member of the school board for three years. He and his family are stanch members of the Catholic church.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN KRAEMER



Andrew Kraemer was reared on the old homestead and received his education in the district schools, becoming acquainted under his father with the various details of agriculture and stock-raising. Being the only son in the family, he remained at home and since the retirement of his father, in 1904, has had active charge of the farm, managing its affairs in such a way as to indicate special talent for his responsibility. In connection with general farming he is also interested in stock-raising and has upon the place a good grade of horses, cattle and hogs. He has made a number of improvements upon the farm, adding greatly to its value and productiveness.

On the 24th of July, 1906, Mr. Kraemer was united in marriage to Miss Jennie I. Mitchell, who was born at Dunlap, Iowa, a daughter of James and Jane (McGill) Mitchell, both of whom were born in County Antrim, Ireland. The father came to America early in the '40s and the mother twenty years later. They were married in Ireland. In their family were twelve children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were: Daniel and James, both residents of Omaha, Nebraska; John, of Seattle; Mary, the widow of Ira L. Tripp, of Omaha; Elizabeth, the wife of Nicholas Miller, of Crawford county; Charley, a railroad man of Omaha; Jennie I., now the wife of Andrew Kraemer; Maggie, who became the wife of John Coakley and is now deceased; and Arthur, Edward and Robert, all of whom are deceased. Three children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kraemer, namely: Jane Katherine, who was born June 17, 1907; Anna Lucile, born July 17, 1908, and John James, who was born August 6, 1909, and passed away April 17, 1910. Mrs. Kraemer received a college education and was a popular and highly successful school teacher, in which vocation she continued for six years previous to her marriage.

A worthy son of sturdy parentage, Mr. Kraemer has followed in the footsteps of his father and is carrying forward the work upon which the latter started so successfully many years ago. Being endowed with an indomitable energy, clear judgment and a laudable ambition to acquit himself honorably in everything, he gives promise of continued prosperity and of increasing usefulness to the community in the years to come. He gives his support to the republican party and although he has never sought the emoluments of office, he has served most creditably for three years upon the school board. He and his family are faithful members of the Catholic church.

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#### AUGUST SEILS.

August Seils has been for many years a resident of Crawford county and has performed his part in the development of its agricultural resources. He was born in Germany, September 16, 1844, and received his early education in his native land. After arriving at manhood he learned of the possibilities in America for ambitious young men and came to this country, making his home for a while in Chicago. While in that city he was married, later removing to Crawford county, Iowa, and beginning upon his own account on a farm of eighty acres, which he purchased before leaving Chicago. He improved the



place and after five years sold it and bought eighty acres in Hanover township, to which he added eighty acres more, making a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. After cultivating the land industriously for six years and largely adding to its value he sold it, and on July 30, 1901, purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which is now the family homestead. It is located on section 19, Hanover township, and is one of the desirable properties of this section, the title now being in the name of Mrs. Seils.

In November, 1875, Mr. Seils was united in marriage to Miss Anna Berendt, who was born in Germany, October 20, 1854, a daughter of John and Louisa (Schuppmann) Berendt, both of whom were natives of the fatherland. The mother died in Germany but Mr. Berendt came to America in 1870. After living for a short time in Baltimore, he removed to Chicago, where he entered the employ of the McCormick Machine Company and later engaged in the liquor business. Subsequently he sold out and came to Iowa, living with his daughter until his death, which occurred in January, 1891. There were four children in his family: Carl, who is now living in Germany; Edward, of Chicago; Robert, who married and died leaving a family; and Anna, now Mrs. Seils. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Seils, namely: Louisa, who was born June 7, 1878, and is now living at home; Edward, who was born September 17, 1880, and is now in charge of the family homestead, which he is managing with excellent judgment; John, born June 17, 1882, who learned the carpenter's trade and is living in South Dakota; Carl, who was born June 8, 1885, and is also living at home; and Theodore, who was born September 30, 1890, and is at home. The family are members of the Lutheran church.

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### JULIUS JOHNSON.

A resident of Stockholm township for more than forty years and one of its successful farmers, Julius Johnson clearly deserves a place in a record devoted to the citizens of Crawford county. He has demonstrated in his life the possibilities under American institutions for any deserving young man who aspires to a competency so that he and his family may enjoy the advantages of a comfortable home. Mr. Johnson started at the very foot of the ladder financially and has now reached a position of independence. He is a native of Sweden, born December 23, 1845, the son of John and Kathrina Johnson, both of whom passed their entire lives in the old country.

Julius Johnson was reared under the parental roof and received his education in the common schools, continuing at home until twenty-three years of age. Believing that he could make better progress in the new world, he crossed the ocean to America and arrived in Crawford county, Iowa, on the 15th of June, 1869. He found work on a railroad at Denison and continued for five years as a railroad laborer, after which he spent one summer in Chicago. However, he was not satisfied with the city and he returned to this county, having decided to establish here his permanent home. In 1876 he bought eighty acres of land on section 20, Stockholm township, and later acquired eighty acres more on the

same section, making a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he has improved and brought to a high state of productiveness. He engaged in general farming and has made his place one of the most valuable of its size in this part of the county.

In 1877 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Benson, who was born in Sweden, November 14, 1848, a daughter of Bent and Bertha (Pearson) Benson, both of whom were natives of Sweden.

Mr. Johnson started as a common laborer and by diligence and economy attained the enviable position he now occupies. He has been most ably assisted by his wife, who attended faithfully to the duties of the household, while her husband worked in the fields. They reared their children to habits of industry, thus making them useful and honorable members of society. Mr. Johnson gives his support to the prohibition party, and he and his wife take an active interest in the affairs of the neighborhood and are greatly esteemed by many friends and acquaintances.

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#### AUGUST NEHLS.

As a resident of Denison township for the past fifteen years August Nehls has gained the reputation of being one of the most industrious as well as progressive agriculturists in that section of the county. Born in Clayton county, Iowa, January 5, 1863, he is a son of Daniel and Mary (Cords) Nehls, both of them being natives of Germany, from which country the father came to the United States in 1853, while he was still quite young, and subsequently began to work on a farm in Clayton county, where in the course of time he bought one hundred acres of land. In 1857 he married Miss Cords, who had come with her parents to this country in 1854. He sold his farm in 1866 and purchased one hundred and twenty acres in the same county, which he brought to a high state of improvement and continued to cultivate until 1878, when he disposed of it and bought eight hundred and ninety-two acres in Crawford county. This he improved and continued to follow general farming until his death, which occurred October 10, 1900. After this event the family removed to Denison, where the mother still resides, a well preserved lady, hale and hearty, at the age of seventy-four years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nehls were born thirteen children, of whom three survive, namely: Martin, who resides on the home farm; John, who is at home with his brother and mother in Denison; and August, of this review. Those deceased are: Charles, Minnie, Rosina, Mary, Lizzie, Daniel, Tillie, Mahlie, and two sons who died in infancy.

The elementary education of August Nehls was obtained in the common schools and he assisted his father on the farm until eighteen years old, when he decided to branch out for himself and went to Nevada and later to Utah, earning his way both as a miner and upon a farm. After an absence of five years he returned to Crawford county and, in partnership with his brother, rented a half section from his father and for the following ten years engaged in general farming. At the end of that period the advancing age of his mother

called him to her side and he took up his residence with her in Denison, which he has since made his home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Nehls has always been a stalwart democrat and although he has never sought nor desired public office he takes a keen interest in any movement that tends to improve the local conditions of his community. In religion he is a consistent member of the Lutheran church. He is a man of undoubted integrity, broad-minded in his views, a stanch friend, faithful to his home ties, and commands the respect of all who know him.

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### GEORGE HESTER.

Germany has contributed many capable and successful farmers to Crawford county, among whom is George Hester, who resides on sections 17 and 18, Washington township, where he engages in general farming and stock-raising. His birth occurred in Baden on the 4th of February, 1839, where his parents, Jacob and Madeline (Shaffer) Hester were born and married. The parents emigrated to the United States in 1850, first locating in Chicago, which at that time bore little resemblance to the cities of the fatherland as not even the streets were paved. They remained in the city one year and at the end of that period bought a farm twenty miles northwest of there, where they resided for three or four years and then rented a place in Du Page county, Illinois. They spent nine years in that county, living on two different places during that time, and then removed to Geneva, Illinois, where they lived the remainder of their days, the mother passing away first. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hester were born the following children: Ursula, deceased; George, our subject; Mary, who is living in Aurora, Illinois; Ellen, deceased; Carrie, a resident of Geneva, Illinois; Sophia, living in Elgin, Illinois; and three who died in infancy.

George Hester never had the opportunity of going to school, such education as he acquired being obtained through his own efforts and the assistance occasionally rendered by others. He remained at home, assisting in the cultivation of the farm, until he was twenty-nine years of age, at which time he began working for himself. Going to Geneva, Illinois, he engaged in draying for twelve years and then rented a farm in Geneva township but the chinch bugs destroyed his crops and he gave up the place at the end of the year. He rented another farm, however, and during the seven years he lived there met with most gratifying success. In 1882 he removed to Crawford county, Iowa, and bought his homestead, containing one hundred and twenty acres of land, upon which he has made extensive and substantial improvements during the period of his occupancy. He makes a specialty of breeding and raising thoroughbred Durham cattle and is meeting with success in his undertakings.

Mr. Hester was united in marriage in 1867 to Miss Augusta Polzien, who was born in Prussia in 1848 and is a daughter of August and Caroline (Winke) Polzien. Her parents emigrated to the United States in 1856 and located in Batavia, Illinois, where they continued to live during the remainder of their days. They were the parents of twelve children, those surviving being Augusta

and William, living in Aurora, Illinois. The ten who have passed away were as follows: Emma, Fred, Minnie, Julius, August, Herman, John, Charles, Henriette and Caroline. Seven children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Hester: George and Edward, both deceased; May, the wife of Robert Pazmore, of Des Moines; Cora, who married Dr. Windette, of Aurora, Illinois; Harry, living in the same place; Albert, who lives on the farm adjoining his father; and Edna, who is the wife of John Cole, Buck Grove, Iowa.

The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Hester is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted and gone to the front with Company C, Illinois Volunteer Infantry in 1862. He was in the service for three years, during which time he engaged in some important battles, among others that of Chickamauga. While in Georgia his company was attacked by the guerrillas who took everything they had, but a few days later they captured the same band, many of whom were shot during the action. Mr. Hester knew General Sherman personally and went with him as far as Savannah on his famous march.

Ever since acquiring the right of suffrage Mr. Hester has voted for the republican party. His first ballot was cast for John Fremont and he voted for Lincoln both times. Although he has never aspired to public office he served as road supervisor one term, the duties of which position he discharged satisfactorily.

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#### GEORGE BROTHERSON.

Among the young men who are making substantial progress as farmers in Crawford county is George Brotherson, of Jackson township. He is a native of that township, born June 19, 1884, and is a son of Detlef and Adelia (Nissen) Brotherson. The parents were both born in Germany and came to America about 1870, locating in Crawford county, Iowa. The father became identified with agricultural interests and he and his wife still live upon the homestead in this county. There were eight children in their family: Thomas, now residing in South Dakota; Lena, deceased; Dora, who married George Sheldorf, of South Dakota; Emma, the wife of Loge Sherwood, of South Dakota; Christ, who is living at home; George, the subject of this review; Arthur, of Crawford county; and Gertrude, the wife of William Pfancuch, of Crawford county.

George Brotherson was reared under the parental roof and received his early education in the district schools of Jackson township. He continued at home assisting his father until twenty-five years of age and since that time has conducted business upon his own account. He engages in general agriculture but makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, and as he is a good judge of animals and delivers them to the market in fine condition, he receives a fair price for everything he has for sale and is today upon the high road to prosperity.

In March, 1909, Mr. Brotherson was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Wears, who was born in Crawford county, February 25, 1886, a daughter of George M. and Jennie (Duncan) Wears. The parents were both born in Germany and

came to the United States in 1879. They located in Crawford county and in 1880 Mr. Wears purchased a farm of eighty acres in Jackson township, upon which he has ever since made his home. There were three children in his family, only one of whom, Jessie, the wife of George Brotherson, is now living. Mrs. Wears passed away February 10, 1910. One child, Harold, has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brotherson, his natal day being October 4, 1910.

Mr. Brotherson was early made acquainted with the various duties pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising and has shown an interest in his vocation that yields very gratifying returns. He is an industrious and intelligent citizen and a willing worker for all causes that tend to promote the welfare of the neighborhood. He and his estimable wife are earnest members of the Presbyterian church and ever since reaching manhood he has given his support to the republican party.

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### CLAUS J. KROHNKE.

One of the many worthy citizens which Germany has contributed to Iowa is Claus J. Krohnke, who for a period of more than twenty years was successfully identified with the agricultural development of Crawford county. The eldest son of Hans and Annie (Bergman) Krohnke, his birth occurred in the fatherland on the 9th of November, 1843. The other children born to them were: Jurgen and Henry, who reside in Schleswig; Maggie, the wife of John Petersen, of Aberdeen, South Dakota; and Sophia, who has passed away.

The early years of Claus J. Krohnke's life were spent in the land of his nativity, in the common schools of which he obtained his education. Being an industrious and ambitious young man he became dissatisfied with conditions as he found them in Europe, and, feeling convinced that better advantages must be afforded in America, in 1869, accompanied by his brother Henry, he sailed for the United States. Upon his arrival in this country he immediately made his way westward, thinking he could find better opportunities in the more sparsely settled communities of the younger states. Coming to Iowa, he located near Davenport, where he obtained employment upon a farm, his first duty being to plow the unbroken prairie, a most novel undertaking for the young German, whose experience had been confined to the cultivation of the well tilled fields of the old country. Following this he worked in a stone quarry, always carefully putting away a portion of his earnings each month, whatever his employment or wages, in order that he might later buy a farm of his own. After spending ten years near Davenport he accumulated the requisite capital to invest in land, so coming to Crawford county he bought an eighty acre tract, upon which he engaged in general farming and stock-raising. By means of close application, tireless energy and careful management he was able to add to his holdings from time to time until he acquired four hundred and forty acres of excellent land. He improved and carefully cultivated that farm for twenty-three years, at the expiration of which period he had acquired a competence which enabled him to buy a pleasant home in Schleswig, where he is now living retired.

In Cedar county on the 27th of October, 1870, Mr. Krohnke was united in marriage to Miss Mary Heech, a daughter of Stephen and Annie (Martins) Heech. Mrs. Krohnke is the second in order of birth and the eldest surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. Heech, Peter, the first born, having passed away. The others are: Claus, who is residing in Crawford county; and Catherine, the wife of Andrew Tiel, of Iowa. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Krohnke: Adam, of Linn county; Julius, living in Crawford county; Edward, who is still at home; Annie, the wife of John Harman, of this county; Bertha, who married Herman Peterson, of Otter Creek township; and Embria, who became the wife of August Kastner, also of Otter Creek township. The fourth and fifth in order of birth passed away in infancy.

The family is identified with the Lutheran church, in the faith of which denomination the parents were reared. An advocate of the principles of government as promulgated by the democratic party Mr. Krohnke always accords his political support to the candidates of that organization. He takes an active interest in public affairs and has served his township in the capacity of school trustee, justice of the peace and secretary of the school board, the duties of which offices he discharged in a highly creditable manner. Coming to the United States with a limited capital but an inexhaustible fund of energy and perseverance, Claus J. Krohnke has added another chapter to the history of America's self-made men, the study of which must ever prove profitable as well as beneficial to the young men of the coming generations.

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#### GEORGE L. NOVOTNE.

George L. Novotne, who owns a valuable farm of eighty acres on section 9, West Side township, is a native son of Iowa and is a descendant of worthy Bohemian ancestry. He was born in Sac county, July 19, 1879, his parents being Jacob and Petronnell (Vosta) Novotne, both of whom were born in Bohemia. They came to America and first lived in Johnson county, Iowa, later residing in Carroll and Sac counties but finally taking up their home in Crawford county, where Mr. Novotne became closely identified with agricultural interests. He died in 1896, his wife passing away six years later. They were the parents of ten children, all of whom are now living.

George L. Novotne came to Crawford county with his parents and acquired his early education in the public schools. He assisted his father upon the home farm until twenty-one years of age, when he began farming upon his own account on rented land. Later, having accumulated the necessary capital, he purchased eighty acres on section 9, West Side township, upon which he has ever since resided. He has made many improvements upon his place and has a commodious residence which is well furnished and supplied with conveniences of a pleasant home. The general appearance of the farm indicates good judgment on the part of its owner and it also has an air of prosperity which is very creditable to Mr. Novotne.

On the 22d of May, 1902, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Ahrenkiel, who was born at Vail, November 7, 1882, a daughter of Hans and Marie (Hanson) Ahrenkiel. Her parents were natives of Denmark and came to this country, settling in Iowa. The father died in 1904, but the mother is still living and makes her home at Vail. There were nine children in their family. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Novotne has been blessed by the birth of four children, namely: George A., who was born August 6, 1904; Mary A., born August 23, 1906; Leonard F., who was born February 11, 1909, and died February 23, 1909; and Leroy A., born October 31, 1910.

Mr. Novotne is a member of Camp No. 3057, M. W. A., of Vail. Ever since he arrived at manhood he has given his adherence to the democratic party, and the confidence and esteem in which he is held by his friends and neighbors was shown by his election as township trustee, a position which he now fills. He and his estimable wife are devout members of the Catholic church. Through his habits of industry and his sound business management he has acquired a competency which gives promise of steady increase as the years pass. As has been demonstrated by his life, he never shirks any responsibility and is ever willing to assume his share of the work which falls upon the shoulders of progressive men in any community.

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#### B. F. LESHER.

One of those who has been actively connected with the commercial development of Denison for a period of more than thirty years is B. F. Leshner, who is now engaged in the ice business. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Cumberland county on the 3d of August, 1854, his parents being David and Eliza (Strickler) Leshner, also natives of the Keystone state but of Dutch extraction. Seven children were born unto them, as follows: Jeremiah, of Odebolt, Iowa; B. F., our subject; Christian, who passed away in Pennsylvania at the age of eleven years; Alice, the wife of David Cramer, of Ohio; Ida, who married Elsworth Leshner, of Kansas; Mary, who became the wife of James Lebel, of Odebolt; and Naomi, the wife of Charles Starr, of Canada. The father passed away in 1889, at the age of seventy-two years, but the mother still survives, although she has passed the eighty-fourth anniversary of her birth and makes her home in Odebolt.

The boyhood and youth of B. F. Leshner were spent in his native land, in the public schools of which he acquired his education. At the age of twenty years he started westward, locating in Crawford county, Iowa, on the 3d of May, 1874, where he worked at the carpenter's trade. He continued to be identified with that occupation until the first of the following January, at which time he opened a grocery and confectionery store in Denison. He successfully conducted this for eight years, at the end of which period he disposed of his interests and went into the ice business, in which he continues to be engaged, his being the only natural ice company in the town. Mr. Leshner, being an enterprising and progressive business man, has met with more than average success in

his ventures and as a result owns several residence lots in Denison and a section of land in North Dakota.

His religious affiliation is with the Baptist church, while his political support is given the candidates of the republican party. Never having aspired to public honors, however, he takes little more than a passing interest in civic affairs, but always fulfills the requirements of good citizenship by casting a ballot on election day.

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### GEORGE HUTCHINSON.

An extensive and prosperous stock-raiser and farmer who has contributed his quota to the agricultural development of Milford township is George Hutchinson, who was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, February 21, 1859, a son of Thomas and Susan (Ramsey) Hutchinson, both of whom were natives of the north of Ireland. They came to this country in 1846, taking passage on a sailing vessel and arriving in New Orleans, whence they journeyed up the Mississippi river to St. Louis and later to Rock Island. After working for some time on a farm the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land ten miles south of Rock Island and added to this gradually until his possessions amounted to five hundred acres. Ten children were born to him and his wife, of whom the following six survive: George; William, residing on the old homestead in Rock Island county; Thomas, living in Crawford county, Iowa; Anna, the wife of W. W. Long, of Rock Island; James and Samuel, also of Rock Island county. The father was one of the pioneers of that county and when he first arrived there he had to contend with the rough and unbroken soil. He built a log cabin on his land and there the elder children were born. He acquired a comfortable fortune and retired from active life several years before his death, which occurred in 1903 when he was eighty-two years old, his wife surviving him until January, 1904, when she too passed away at the age of seventy-two years.

George Hutchinson attended the public schools of Rock Island county up to his eighteenth year and assisted his father on the farm until 1883, when he and his brother Robert removed to Hanover township, Crawford county, Iowa, and bought three hundred and twenty acres of land, upon which they farmed in partnership for one year. Robert subsequently died in this county. George purchased a two hundred and eighty-five acre farm on sections 15 and 16, Milford township, to which he has added a great many modern improvements and today has one of the most up-to-date farm properties in the township. Here he has continued to successfully engage in general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs for the market.

The marriage of Mr. Hutchinson took place January 31, 1883, when he was united to Miss Alice Johnson, of Mercer county, Illinois, a daughter of Robert and Alice (Lipton) Johnson, who were natives of the north of Ireland. They were pioneer settlers of Mercer county, arriving there about the year 1846, and there the father became the owner of valuable coal lands. He died in 1878, his



wife departing this life in 1906 at the age of sixty-eight years. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, namely: George Marion, who was born in 1885; Florence S., who is a teacher in the district schools; and Thomas Clarence, whose birth occurred in August 1889. Mrs. Hutchinson has a brother, Robert Johnson, who is a merchant in Oklahoma City, and three sisters, as follows: Mary, now Mrs. K. Dawson, of Oklahoma City; Emma Celia, of the same place; and Belle, who is now Mrs. Otis Whan and resides in Mercer county, Illinois.

Mr. Hutchinson has taken an active part in politics, having always given his support to the republican party, was for two years township trustee and is at present holding the office of justice of the peace, besides which he is a member of the school board. In his fraternal relations he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his family are faithful attendants of the Methodist church. Mr. Hutchinson is one of the substantial men of the township in which he resides, being honest and upright in all his business dealings, a loyal and stanch friend, ever willing to give his assistance to any undertaking that stands for public improvement and rightly deserves the success he has won.

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#### CHARLES BULLOCK.

A resident of Denison since 1867, Charles Bullock is one of its best known and most respected citizens. He is also a successful business man who by his industry, wise management and public spirit has gained the confidence of the entire community. He was born at Macomb, McDonough county, Illinois, March 8, 1838, a son of Thomas and Agnes (McCabe) Bullock, the former of whom was a native of County Down, Ireland, and the latter of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. The father emigrated to America in 1818 and engaged in the furniture business at Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, making chairs, spinning wheels, etc. He was captain of the Hummelstown Volunteers, the oldest military company whose organization is still maintained in the state of Pennsylvania. He was the last man to join the company, but being a fine tactician he was unanimously elected captain and was in command when La Fayette came to America in 1824, the company serving as a body-guard to the distinguished visitor. He continued in command until 1836, when he came west with James G. Blaine, who was a second cousin of Mr. Bullock's wife. He settled in Macomb, Illinois, and engaged in the furniture business and as a millwright, continuing there during the remainder of his life, with the exception of five years. He passed away in 1881, at the age of eighty-seven years, his wife dying the same year and at the same age as himself. They were both members of the Presbyterian church. He was originally an old line whig, but becoming a personal friend of Stephen A. Douglas, joined the democratic party. He was a man of prominence in the community and served as justice of the peace for a number of years, also as judge of the county court. Ezekiel Bullock, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of County Down, Ireland. The Bullocks were a military

family and Ezekiel had several brothers who were officers in the British army, but he was opposed to a monarchical form of government, being an uncompromising republican. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years and was the father of five children, Thomas, Boyd, Ezekiel, James and Margaret. The maternal grandfather was John McCabe, also a native of Ireland. He settled in Pennsylvania at an early day, continuing in that state during the remainder of his life. His wife was Nancy Wallace and they were the parents of three children, Nancy McElrath, Agnes and John. Seven children were born to Thomas and Agnes Bullock, Charles being the only one now living. One brother, Thomas, and two sisters, Rachel and Anna, grew to maturity. Rachel married S. R. Lowry, and Anna became the wife of S. L. Fisher.

Charles Bullock was reared at Macomb, Illinois, and attended the public schools, where he obtained the rudiments of an education which he has greatly widened by reading and observation. He taught school for five terms and continued to live at home after arriving at maturity. His parents kept a hotel and he assisted in the house as he grew up, later keeping books for a large mercantile concern and a mill. He also worked on a farm and later engaged in the wool-carding business at Plymouth, Illinois, in the summer time and sold goods in the winter. In 1867 he came to Crawford county and has ever since made his home at Denison. For two years he conducted a general store and then went into the drug business and was for several years interested in a lumberyard in this city. He engaged quite extensively in the cattle business, operating a ranch on the line between Nebraska and South Dakota. Subsequently he became proprietor of a hardware store at Vail and during recent years has engaged in the real-estate, loan and insurance business in partnership with J. B. Dunbar, the concern being one of the most substantial of its kind in this part of the state.

On the 17th day of April, 1865, Mr. Bullock was united in marriage to Miss Eliza W. Hill, a native of Kentucky and a daughter of Fleming and Marian (Duval) Hill, the former of whom was born at Shelbyville and the latter at New Castle, Kentucky. They moved to Schuyler county, Illinois, but afterwards returned to Kentucky, where they continued during the remainder of their lives. They were the owners of a large plantation and a number of slaves. There were six children in their family, Molly, Eliza W., Roland, Sarah, John and Lucy. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bullock, both of whom died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Bullock gives his support to the democratic party. He has served in a number of public offices, having been assessor and town clerk earlier in life. In 1884 he was elected a member of the twentieth general assembly of Iowa, succeeding the late Hon. H. C. Lamb, and filled the office to the general acceptance of his constituents for two years. He was afterward a candidate for the state senate but could not overcome the large normal majority of the opposing party. He was a delegate to the democratic national convention at Chicago in 1896 and at Kansas City in 1900, and was a member of the committee who notified John W. Kern of his nomination as a candidate for vice president of the United States. In religious affiliation he is identified with the Presbyterian church, while his wife is connected with the Baptist church. Fraternally he belongs to Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., and he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. He also holds membership in Dow-

dall Lodge, No. 90, K. P. Mr. and Mrs. Bullock have journeyed together over life's pathway for more than forty-five years and have a host of friends in Crawford county who have been attracted by their sterling characteristics. Mr. Bullock is now practically retired from the cares of business and enjoys the fruits of many years of application.

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### HENRY JAMES CUMMINGS.

Few men in Crawford county are more highly esteemed than Henry James Cummings, now serving his second term as sheriff of the county. The respect in which he is held is due to his fidelity to duty, and a genial and friendly manner which is one of his prominent characteristics. He was born in Clinton county, Iowa, November 11, 1856, a son of Henry James and Elizabeth (Perrey) Cummings, the former of whom was a native of Ireland and the latter of Paisley, Scotland. The father was reared in County Tipperary, Ireland, and after reaching manhood served in the English army. He came to the United States and was married to Elizabeth Perrey at Lowell, Massachusetts. Later they settled in Clinton county, Iowa, where he died at the age of thirty-two years, in 1858, and the mother of our subject passed away in 1894 at the age of sixty-three. He was a Catholic but she was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church and so continued during her entire life. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Malcolm Perrey, was a dyer by trade and ran large dye works in Paisley, Scotland, employing several hundred men and women. He lived to be seventy-six years of age and was the father of the following children: Alexander, Robert, Malcolm, Matthew, Elizabeth and Mary. Two sons were born to Henry and Elizabeth Cummings, the elder of whom died in infancy.

Henry James Cummings, the younger of the sons, was reared in Clinton county and received his preliminary education in the district schools. The mother married again and when he was fourteen years of age he began making his own way in the world, working on a farm for the first four years. He then spent four years in the lumber woods and in rafting and steamboating on the Mississippi river. He followed various occupations and engaged in railroading until 1882, when he bought eighty acres of land in Charter Oak township, Crawford county. His time was devoted to breaking the prairie for three or four years. He started the first dray line in Charter Oak, which he operated for four years, and then removed to his farm. After two or three years he sold the place and again took up his residence in Charter Oak, becoming a clerk in a store. He served for six years as deputy sheriff and performed his duties so creditably that in 1908 he was elected sheriff, being reelected to the same office in November, 1910.

On the 14th of December, 1887, Mr. Cummings was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie M. Farrell, who was born at Kankakee, Illinois, a daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Moore) Farrell. The parents were natives of Ireland and on coming to this country lived for several years at Kankakee and later in Poweshiek county, Iowa, and at Dunlap, this state. The father died at Dunlap and

the mother at Omaha, Nebraska. Six of their children grew to maturity, namely: Peter J., Lizzie M., Daniel J., Anna, Andrew and Mary. Five children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, Daniel, Rhea, Andrew, Eileen and Peter, but Daniel died at the age of two and one-half years.

Mrs. Cummings was killed by the cars September 3, 1908. The death of his beloved wife was a grievous affliction to Mr. Cummings and his children, and the entire community shared in the feeling of profound regret at the loss of one of its valued members. She was a sincere member of the Catholic church and a woman possessed of many of the most admirable traits of character, whose life was indeed a blessing to those with whom she associated.

Mr. Cummings is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Sylvan Lodge No. 507, A. F. & A. M., the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Improved Order of Red Men. Politically he is allied with the democratic party. He has proved a most faithful and efficient public officer and is recognized as one who is fully entitled to the high honor in which he is held.

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#### FRANZ REETZ.

Franz Reetz, who for nearly thirty years past has been a resident of Crawford county and for a number of years has been in business at Charter Oak, is a native of Germany. He was born October 14, 1848, a son of Ferdinand and Caroline (Melve) Reetz. The parents were both born in the old country and the father died there at the age of forty-five years. The mother came to America in 1869 and lived for some time in Chicago. Subsequently she took up her residence with her children in Crawford county, Iowa, passing away in 1893. There were ten children in their family, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Bertha, the widow of Albert Grube; Franz, the subject of this review; August, a farmer of Milford, Illinois; and Julius, Laura, Minnie, Hulda and Therese, all of whom are deceased.

Franz Reetz was educated in the public schools of Germany and continued in his native land until twenty-four years of age. After coming to America in 1872 he took up his residence in Chicago, where he worked in a rolling mill. In 1882 he came to Crawford county, Iowa, and began the cultivation of a farm of eighty acres, which he had previously purchased. After three years he sold his place and bought one hundred and sixty acres, which he cultivated to good advantage for sixteen years. This farm he also sold and then rented a building in Charter Oak, in which he conducted a liquor business for four years. He is now the owner of a hotel and feed barn and is known as one of the prosperous business men of the town.

On the 25th of November, 1871, Mr. Reetz was united in marriage to Miss Hermina Schwinke, who was born in Germany, November 16, 1845, a daughter of Gottlieb and Frederica (Tepke) Schwinke. The parents were both natives of Germany. They came to America and after spending two years at Chicago settled in Crawford county, Iowa, where they continued during the remainder

of their lives. The father was called away in November, 1890, and the mother January 30, 1891. There were nine children in their family, two of whom are now living: Hermina; and August, of Chicago. Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Reetz, namely: Ottelie, who was born March 11, 1879, is now the wife of William Lenz, of Crawford county; Emma, born February 3, 1881, wife of August Martins, of Charter Oak; Matilda, born February 5, 1885, is now Mrs. Louis Riessen, of Crawford county; John, born August 6, 1889, is married and is a merchant of this county; Ida B., born June 27, 1889, is now living at home; and Bertha, Hermina, August, Hulda, Minnie and Frank, all of whom are deceased.

Mr. Reetz has never given much attention to politics nor has he sought public office, preferring to devote his attention to his business. From his early years he has been acquainted with labor and has now acquired a comfortable competence. He and his wife are members of the German Lutheran church.

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### MARK C. SUTTON.

Mark C. Sutton, of the firm of Sutton Brothers, druggists, is recognized as one of the wide-awake and progressive men of Manilla who has the ability to succeed in any business to which he may devote his attention. He was born at La Harpe, Illinois, December 17, 1876, a son of Dr. Robert and Ellen (Chandler) Sutton. The father was a native of England and the mother of Illinois. Dr. Sutton came to America at the age of seven or eight years and was reared in Pennsylvania and Virginia, becoming an early settler at La Harpe, Illinois, where he practiced medicine for twenty-seven years. He then moved to Shenandoah, Iowa, and devoted two years to farming, at the end of which time he resumed the practice of his profession, in which he has now been actively engaged for forty-eight years. He and his wife are faithful members of the Congregational church. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party and gives to it his earnest support. Robert H. Sutton, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Durham, England. He became a minister of the Methodist Protestant church and about 1849 emigrated to this country and lived in Pennsylvania and Virginia, later making his home in the city of Chicago and in Wisconsin. He passed away at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, having reached the age of about eighty years. His wife was Martha Reay and there were four children in their family, Robert, Mary, Bessie and Jennie. The maternal grandfather, Jesse Chandler, was a native of Pennsylvania and of English descent. He married a Miss Wright and eleven of their children grew to maturity, Elizabeth, George, John, Morris, Jane, Mary Ann, Ellen, Jonathan J., Vade, Rue and Benson F. Four children were born to Dr. Robert and Ellen Sutton, namely: Mark C., Jesse B., Robert Reay and Ward H.

Mark C. Sutton lived in La Harpe, Illinois, until nine years of age and grew to manhood in Shenandoah, Iowa. He received his early education in the public schools and was graduated from the Shenandoah high school in 1894, after which he entered Tabor College, graduating in 1899. He then went to Paris, France.

and spent a year in that city on the United States Guard at the Paris Exposition. Returning to America, he was placed in charge of the Illinois collection department of the Deering Harvester Company at Chicago and subsequently went on the road for two years as a commercial traveler. He began the study of pharmacy at Manilla under his brother Reay and passed the examination in 1907. They are partners in the drug business, having bought out the firm of Gauss & Simons in 1904. They also have a jewelry store in connection with their drug store and carry a large and well selected stock of jewelry, drugs, wall paper, etc. Mr. Sutton owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Tripp county, South Dakota, and also a quarter section near Lutsen, Minnesota.

On the 9th of August, 1905, Mr. Sutton was united in marriage to Miss Stella Woodford, a native of Shenandoah, Iowa, and a daughter of Edwin R. Woodford, who was born in Illinois. One son, Edwin R., has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sutton.

Mr. Sutton gives his adherence to the Congregational church, while his wife is a member of the Baptist denomination. Fraternally he is connected with Golden Leaf Lodge, No. 595, A. F. & A. M., of Manilla. Since arriving at manhood he has given his support to the democratic party. Having gained a liberal education as a foundation for his business career, Mr. Sutton possesses the advantages of travel much beyond the ordinary and he has made practical use of his knowledge. He is a representative of the younger generation of business men, and the enviable reputation he has gained is a bright prophecy of additional accomplishment in the years to come.

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#### HUGO GEBERT.

Hugo Gebert is prominently identified with the business interests of Denison as a member of the firm of Pfarr, Gebert & Hunt, conducting a general mercantile establishment. His birth occurred in Hamburg, Germany, on the 26th of August, 1870, his parents being Henry and Christiana (Luetjens) Gebert, who were likewise natives of that country. The father was a tile manufacturer, making fine tile stoves and fireplaces. He put up all the stoves for the king of Denmark. His demise occurred in Hamburg when he had attained the age of about forty years. His wife, who still survives him, subsequently gave her hand in marriage to Herman Ebel, by whom she has a daughter, Clara. Our subject has one brother and one sister, as follows: Ludwig, who is still a resident of Hamburg; and Meta, the wife of Theodore Voss, likewise of Hamburg.

Hugo Gebert was reared and educated in his native land and after putting aside his text-books began learning the printer's trade, working at that occupation for one year, at the end of which time he became a waiter in a hotel. In 1887, when a youth of seventeen, he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, wishing to test the truth of the many favorable reports which he had heard concerning the opportunities of the new world. He located on a farm five miles south of Denison, Iowa, and began working by the month. In 1888 he took up

his abode in Denison, securing a position as clerk with M. J. Casman, with whom he remained for a few months. Subsequently he entered the service of the firm of J. P. Miller & Company, continuing in that employ until 1893. In that year he embarked in business on his own account in partnership with John J. Wieland, conducting a general store. Mr. Wieland subsequently sold his interest to Mr. Hunt, and the firm is now doing business under the style of Pfarr, Gebert & Hunt. They have secured an extensive patronage because of their large and well selected stock of goods, their reasonable prices and earnest desire to please their customers.

On the 4th of October, 1894, Mr. Gebert was united in marriage to Miss Florence Iola Osborn, a native of Adair county, Iowa, and a daughter of John and Harriet (Culbertson) Osborn, who were born in Illinois and Pennsylvania respectively. Their children were eight in number, namely: William, Richard, Florence I., Bessie, John, Bernice, Ruby and Leslie. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gebert have been born seven children, as follows: Harriet, Roy, Mary, Paul, Almarine, Hugo McVitty and Frederick.

In politics Mr. Gebert is a republican, while fraternally he is identified with Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M., the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of the World. In religious faith both he and his wife are Presbyterians. Mr. Gebert is widely recognized as a popular, enterprising and public-spirited citizen as well as a representative business man of his community and has a host of warm friends.

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#### DIRK GROEN.

Among the citizens of German birth now residing in Jackson township, Crawford county, is Dirk Groen, whose home is located on section 4, where he has eighty acres of highly improved land besides owning a twenty acre tract in Levi township, Sac county, Iowa. He was born in Germany, January 9, 1859, and is a son of Wilke and Tena (Dunker) Groen, in whose family were ten children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are: Tessie, who became the wife of Christ Koek; Dirk; Jennie, deceased; Dena, the wife of L. Luitjens; Wilhelmina; Henry; Jessie; and Tena, deceased. Those still living are all residents of Germany with the exception of our subject and the parents both died in that country.

Believing that better opportunities were furnished ambitious young men in the new world, Dirk Groen came to the United States on the 31st of March, 1884, and made his way to Iowa. For twelve years he was engaged in farming on rented land in Carroll county and at the end of that time purchased an eighty acre tract in Jackson township, Crawford county, where he now resides. His place is pleasantly located on section 4 and is under a high state of cultivation. As previously stated, he also owns twenty acres in Levi township, Sac county, and has made all of the improvements upon his land. In connection with general farming he also devotes considerable attention to stock-raising and is meeting with most excellent success in his undertakings.

On the 3d of May, 1884, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Groen and Miss Gertrude Beekman, a daughter of John and Grace (Vogt) Beekman. She is the eldest of their five children, the others being: Henry, now a resident of this county; while Wilbur, Webke and John still live in Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Groen have been born eight children, as follows: William, deceased; Grace, now the wife of Wert Meyer, of Crawford county; Tena, Jennie, Wilhelmina, Henrietta and Dick, all at home; and George, deceased.

Since becoming a naturalized citizen Mr. Groen has supported the men and measures of the republican party and in religion is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. He has made the most of his advantages since coming to the new world and by industry, perseverance and good management has become the owner of a valuable farm which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings. Before leaving his native land he served for two years in the German army as a private soldier and is today a member of an organization of German soldiers at Denison.

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### MARCUS WICHMANN.

Marcus Wichmann, a successful business man of Charter Oak, whose prosperity is the direct result of his efforts, first along agricultural lines and later as the proprietor of a saloon in this city, is one of Germany's native sons, his birth there occurring on the 27th of September, 1865. His parents, Henry and Charlotte (Schmidt) Wichmann, were also born in the fatherland and there spent their entire lives, the mother passing away in 1870 and the father surviving until 1908. Of their family of two children the elder, Christiana, still makes her home in the old country and is the wife of Frederick Westfall.

Marcus Wichmann, the younger member of the family, acquired his education in the public schools of Germany and he remained a resident of his native land until 1887, when, actuated by a desire to test the validity of the reports which he heard concerning the opportunities offered in the United States, he determined to seek his fortune in the new world, amid new scenes and environment. Consequently he crossed the Atlantic and upon landing in this country made his way to Chicago, Illinois, where for five years he successfully conducted a milk business. At the expiration of that period he came to Iowa, locating in Crawford county, and the succeeding five years were devoted to the operation of a rented farm. He then purchased two hundred and forty acres of land in Monona county, Iowa, in the cultivation of which he was engaged for four years, when he sold that farm and came to Charter Oak, where he invested in property and has since conducted a saloon. In all of his business transactions he has proven unusually successful and something of the prosperity which has come to him is indicated by the fact that in addition to a fine residence here he also owns other valuable property, including four lots in Charter Oak and three business buildings. Possessing in large degree the sturdy German characteristics of thrift, determination and perseverance, he has also exemplified in his business career the spirit of enterprise which has constituted the foundation of America's com-



mercial greatness, and to this strong combination is due the gratifying success which is today his.

In early manhood Mr. Wichmann was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Fraasa, who was born on the 18th of August, 1861, in Germany, where she was reared and educated in the public schools. Her parents were Max and Marie (Hechen) Fraasa, who were also natives of the fatherland, in which country they spent their entire lives. Of their three children Mrs. Wichmann is the second in order of birth, the others being: Katrina, who married Claus Bratencheon and yet resides in Germany; and Christ, who passed away in that country. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wichmann have been born six children, as follows: Henry, a farmer of Monona county, Iowa, who was born on the 19th of July, 1887, and is now married; George, born March 17, 1889; William, born October 24, 1891; Fred, born November 11, 1893; Dora, born November 10, 1898; and Herman, born July 12, 1900. This family circle remains unbroken by the hand of death and with the exception of the eldest son all of the children reside with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wichmann are members of the German Lutheran church, to which the children also belong. Mr. Wichmann has never taken an active part in politics, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here where opportunity is ever open to the ambitious and determined he found the advantages which he sought and in their utilization has won success.

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#### FRIEDRICH BUENGER.

Although Friedrich Buenger passed the first forty-four years of his life in Europe he has attained success under the American republic and is one of the successful farmers of Crawford county, his prosperity being the direct result of his wisely applied industry. He was born of worthy parents in Germany, October 11, 1843. His father died when the son Friedrich was a child, but the mother is still living in the old country and has arrived at the venerable age of eighty-four years. There were two children in the family, William and Friedrich, the older son still continuing in Germany.

Friedrich Buenger grew to manhood in his native land, having gained his early education in the public schools. In 1887 he arrived in America, coming direct to Crawford county, where he bought eighty acres of land, which he cultivated for six years and then disposed of, purchasing the farm which he now owns. It originally comprised one hundred and sixty acres on section 29, Soldier township, and as his resources increased he purchased more land until he is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres of good land which yields abundant harvests and returns a generous income upon the investment.

On November 8, 1880, Mr. Buenger was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Wittecopf, who was born December 14, 1857, a daughter of Carl and Minnie (Brasse) Wittecopf. The mother died in Germany and the father came to America in 1887, making his home with the subject of this review until his death.

which occurred in 1902. In his family there were seven children: Frederica, the wife of Carl Bank, of Crawford county; Gitta, who married Carl Hopp, of Crawford county, and is now deceased; Wilhelmina, now Mrs. Friedrich Buenger; Marie, who is the wife of Johann Kleinser and lives in Germany; Sophia, the wife of Fred Bellman and also residing in Germany; Carl, of Germany; and Caroline, the wife of August Schoff, of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Buenger became the parents of ten children, five of whom survive: Freda, who was born December 21, 1881, and is now the wife of Louie Kroll, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this review; Ernest, born May 8, 1886; Alma, born August 4, 1889; Bernhard, born April 14, 1895; and Martin, born June 11, 1898. With the exception of Freda, all are living at home.

Mr. Buenger has never sought the honors of public office, as his attention has been given to his family and his farm. He and his wife are consistent members of the German Lutheran church. He represents the class of men who reach the front in business undertakings and if they so desire become leaders in a community. Among his associates his word is accepted as inviolate and through honorable business methods he has accumulated what he possesses today. He is neglectful of none of his duties as a citizen, business man or head of a family and therefore is fully entitled to a place in this work.

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#### NELS OLSEN STRAHN.

A history of the agricultural development of Stockholm township would hardly be complete without reference being made to the late Nels Olsen Strahn, who at the time of his demise owned a finely cultivated farm of two hundred acres, which he had acquired by his thrift, energy and perseverance. A son of Ogle and Bool Fogel, he was born in Sweden on the 25th of March, 1837. The parents spent their entire lives in the land of their nativity, in the common schools of which the son, Nels, acquired his education. Mr. Strahn remained in Europe until he had passed his thirty-second year, a period sufficiently long for him to feel convinced that the opportunities afforded an ambitious man were far greater in America than in the more conservative and older countries, and so took passage for the United States. Coming to Crawford county in 1869 he located upon forty acres of unimproved land, in the cultivation of which he engaged for a time. Then selling it he invested in one hundred and twenty acres in Stockholm township. Here he followed general farming and stock-raising, in both of which occupations he met with more than average success, which enabled him to add to his holdings another eighty acres. He continued to operate this place until he passed away on the 11th of January, 1883.

Mr. Strahn was a member of the Baptist church, while his political support he always gave to the republican party. Not being an aspirant for public honors or the emoluments of office, however, he never took a particularly active part in public affairs, preferring to concentrate his energy in the development of his own interests.

In January, 1874, Mr. Strahn was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Pierson and they became the parents of six children: William, a resident of South Dakota; Harry, of Sac county; Oscar, of Kiron; Olaf, who lives in the same place; Lillie, the wife of R. W. Amos, of Wichita, Kansas; and Nathan, of South Dakota.

Mrs. Strahn was again married, her second husband being P. A. Johnson, to whom she was united on the 16th of February, 1888. Mr. Johnson is also a native of Sweden and a son of John August Nelson and Greta, Olaf's daughter, both of whom passed their entire lives in the old country. Coming to America in the spring of 1880 Mr. Johnson first located in Omaha, where he was employed five years, following which he filed upon a homestead, being engaged in its cultivation for two years, at the end of which period he came to Crawford county. Three children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, the first two, however, Elizabeth and Joseph, passed away. Enoch, the only surviving child born of this union, lives in Kiron. Mr. Johnson affiliates with the Free Mission church, while his political support is accorded to the prohibition party.

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#### REV. L. SCHENKELBERG.

Rev. L. Schenkelberg, pastor of St. Boniface Catholic church at Charter Oak, ranks among the most successful and popular clergymen of Crawford county. He comes of sturdy German parentage and is a native of Rhein province, having been born February 9, 1874. He attended school in Germany until fourteen years of age and later crossed the ocean, arriving on the shores of the new world April 28, 1892. He came direct from the ocean port to Carroll county, Iowa, where he was received by relatives who had preceded him to this country. After two years, having determined to prepare for the priesthood, he became a student at Mount Calvary, Wisconsin, where he continued for four years and then took the required philosophical course at St. Joseph's College, Dubuque, Iowa, graduating from that institution in 1900. He next went to Montreal, Canada, and entered Grand Seminary, where for three years and three months he pursued the theological course leading to the priesthood. On December 19, 1903, he was raised to the dignity of priesthood by the Most Rev. Paul Brushesi, archbishop of Montreal. On December 24 of the same year he was made assistant at St. Joseph's church, Le Mars, Iowa, and after fourteen months was transferred as pastor of the parish of Ogden, Iowa, where he continued for three and one-half years. After a short period of service at Merryhill, Iowa, he came to Charter Oak, October 28, 1908, and has since presided as pastor of St. Boniface Catholic church.

The history of St. Boniface parish dates from early in the '80s, when a few Catholic settlers began the organization of a center for religious services and secured a tract of forty acres about five miles northeast of the present town of Charter Oak. In 1886, however, the town having shown evidences of prosperity and permanency, it was decided through advice of Rev. B. C. Lenihan, then pastor

at Denison, to sell the property and secure a site in the town upon which to build a church. Accordingly the land was sold and three lots were purchased at Charter Oak, and a neat little church was erected at a cost of twenty-five hundred dollars. Father Lenihan was the first priest to celebrate mass, this event taking place in one of the public school houses south of Charter Oak. As soon as the new church was completed the present pastor at Denison, Rev. M. Farrelly, was given charge of the congregation. He continued until 1896, when Rev. M. Costella, now of Livermore, was appointed as first pastor. Two years later Rev. L. Cooper, now of Alvord, Iowa, came to take charge and remained until December 1, 1905, during which time the church at Ute was built, of which he also assumed charge. In December, 1905, Rev. H. Eckert became pastor and remained until October 28, 1908, when Father Schenkelberg was appointed to the pastorate. The old church having burned down August 5, 1908, it became necessary to erect a new place of worship and the members of the congregation decided upon selling the former site and securing a new location. Accordingly they bought a beautiful four acre tract south of town, upon which they erected a new brick church, forty-four by eighty-seven feet in size and also a new parsonage of twenty-eight by thirty-four feet, supplied with all modern conveniences. The church property is one of the most beautiful in Crawford county and reflects great credit upon all who have assisted in the purchase of the site and the erection of the buildings.

Father Schenkelberg has proven highly efficient and under his administration the church has flourished and the interest of the members is constantly growing. He is a gentleman of pleasing address, a thorough scholar and a sympathetic shepherd whose energies are devoted conscientiously to the good of his flock.

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#### HENRY W. DOIDGE.

Henry W. Doidge was born near Napanee, Canada, July 25, 1872, a son of William and Anne (Ramsey) Doidge. His genealogy possesses more than ordinary interest, as members of his family have been conspicuous in the annals of three countries.

John Doidge, one of his ancestors, was a soldier in the English army and served through the French wars, one of the decisive battles in which he participated being that of Toulon. He married Miss Mary Ford, whose brother, Daniel Ford, was a member of the East India Company. After the death of his first wife he married Miss Susanna Churchill, who was a member of the Devonshire aristocracy. Mr. Doidge met his death by drowning in the English Channel during one of the battles in which he participated. His son, John Doidge, better known among his friends as Captain Doidge, was overseer of a mine in England and moved to Canada in 1842. There he purchased and improved a farm near Napanee, built a home and reared his family. His wife was a Mary Hall. Of their children, William, the father of our subject, was born in Devonshire, England, June 24, 1840, and when still quite young returned to Wales, where he attended school. He developed unusual intellectuality and at the early age of

nine years received a prize for passing the best examination in mathematics out of a class of seventy-two contestants. Today he is conceded to be one of the most competent mathematicians in Crawford county. At the age of seventeen he returned to Canada and, following his father's example, cleared a farm in the forest, demonstrating, even this early in life, the indefatigable energy that permeates the family blood. Coming to Crawford county, Iowa, in 1873, he located in Goodrich township and there improved a farm, which he owned and operated until 1895, when he removed to Denison and is now enjoying the fruits of his early labors. He was first married in 1864 to Miss Mary Farley and of this union one child, William, was born, now deputy sheriff of the county in which Leavenworth, Kansas, is located. His second marriage was to Miss Anne Ramsey, in 1870, and to them were born eight children, as follows: Henry W.; Maggie M., the widow of N. J. Anderson, of Arion, Iowa; Jane E., who married Thomas Carson, of Armstrong, South Dakota; Bertha A., deceased; John R., who resides in Sioux City, Iowa; Milton R., of Arion, Iowa; Percival M., also of Arion; and Robert A., Glenellen, Iowa.

Henry W. Doidge was educated in the public schools of Goodrich township and remained at home until 1905, when he bought the place upon which he now resides and which consists of two hundred and four acres in Denison township. Here he successfully follows general farming. In September, 1910, his house was destroyed by fire but has since been replaced by a more commodious and modern residence.

On January 6, 1905, Mr. Doidge was united in marriage to Miss Ida May Mitchell, a native of Boone, Iowa, and a daughter of Henry and Jennie Van Hausen, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and are now residents of British Columbia. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Doidge, namely: Genevieve Ellen, Worth Edward and Ruby Ernestine.

Mr. Doidge takes an active interest in politics and the welfare of the township in which he lives, is a democrat and a member of the school board. Both he and his wife attend the Congregational church and he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

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#### EUGENE GULICK.

Since 1854 the gentleman whose name introduces this review has been a resident of Iowa, and for twenty-seven years past has made his home in Denison, being closely identified with the growth of the city. He was born in Montgomery county, New York, June 11, 1850, a son of Henry S. and Marietta (Frank) Gulick, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. The father was reared upon a farm and educated in the common schools, and in 1854 he removed to Iowa and settled in Clinton county, being one of the early settlers in the locality in which he took up his home. He was a man of ambition, energy and undaunted patriotism, and at the time of the Civil war served four years in the Union army, being a member of Company C, Twenty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg and in many of the battles and movements which

resulted in the overthrow of the Confederacy. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Clinton county and became identified with the implement business, removing to Denison in 1874 and remaining connected with the same line of business until his death, which occurred in 1896, when he was sixty-seven years of age. Mrs. Gulick is still living and makes her home in Denison. She is a member of the Baptist church, as was also her husband.

William Gulick, the paternal grandfather, was a native of New York and of Holland Dutch descent. He learned the blacksmith's trade, which he pursued during a large part of his life, shoeing horses until he was seventy-seven years old. He removed to Clinton county, Iowa, about 1856 and twenty-years later to Crawford county. He died at West Side in his seventy-ninth year. He was married to Ann Parks, and there were seven children in their family, namely: Henry S., Louette, Sarah Jane, Cynthia Ann, Emma, Smith P. and William Oliver. The last named lost his life in the Civil war. He was a member of the First Iowa Cavalry and served for three years. Adam Frank, the maternal grandfather, was also a native of New York state and was of Holland Dutch descent. He lived to the age of ninety-five years and was the father of eight children: Andrew, John, Furman, Jane Eliza, Marietta, Harriet, Lydia Maria and Nancy.

There were four children in the family of Henry S and Marietta Gulick: Eugene, of this review; Lydia E., now the widow of Edward B. Smith, of Los Angeles, California; Emma M., the wife of C. S. Curtis, of Wausau, Wisconsin; and Louisa F., who is the widow of J. S. Martin and is now living in Los Angeles.

Eugene Gulick came to Camanche, Iowa, with his parents at the age of four years and lived in Clinton county until he arrived at the age of twenty-one years, receiving his education there. He removed to Crawford county in 1871 and settled on a farm in Goodrich township, two and one-half miles northwest of Denison. Beginning with one hundred and twenty acres he gradually acquired more land until he became the owner of a well improved farm of four hundred and eighty acres, which he disposed of at a handsome increase of the original cost. In 1884 he took up his residence in Denison in a beautiful home which he has occupied for the past twenty-seven years, and during the entire time he has been largely interested in the real estate, insurance and loan business. He also has engaged extensively in farming and stock-raising and is a large holder of real estate, owning land in Oklahoma, Wyoming and South Dakota, and in Crawford, Monroe and Plymouth counties, Iowa.

On the 9th of September, 1872, Mr. Gulick was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Crawshaw, a native of Clinton county, Iowa, and a daughter of Richard and Jane (Hamilton) Crawshaw. The father was born in England and the mother in Ireland. They were married in Clinton county, Iowa, and the father died in that county at the age of forty-five years, the mother passing away at the age of eighty-four. There were two daughters in their family: Alice C., now the wife of Governor Leslie M. Shaw, and Mary Jane. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gulick: Gertrude A., who married C. L. Voss, cashier of the Bank of Denison, and has one child, Loyal Eugene; Ethel, who is now a student in the Conservatory of Music at Indianola, Iowa; and Leslie E., a student of the Cedar Rapids Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. Gulick are earnest members of the Methodist church. He is treasurer and steward of the church and one of its most active supporters. Politically he is identified with the republican party, and although he has not sought public office he has served most acceptably as township clerk, school director and justice of the peace. He has attained a large measure of success financially. For nearly three decades he has been interested in Denison and has taken an active part in many movements for the advancement of the city. He has made good use of his talents and opportunities, and, being a man of broad views and generous disposition, he has assisted many others in their efforts to become self-supporting or financially independent. Possessing high ideals, his example has been a constant stimulant, whose beneficial effects are apparent in the lives of those with whom he has been brought into contact.

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#### ALBERT HELSLEY.

The business interests of Denison are represented by some of the brightest men in Crawford county among whom is named Albert Helsley, abstractor for the Crawford County State Bank and one of the progressive men of the city. He was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, November 19, 1857, a son of John and Marie (Balsiger) Helsley, natives of Canton Bern, Switzerland. The father was a hotelkeeper in Switzerland and also conducted a butcher shop. He came to America in 1850 and lived for six years at Highland, Illinois, then removing to a farm near Jacksonville. Subsequently, he took up his residence at Bloomington, Illinois, and was employed in the shops of the Chicago & Alton Railroad. In 1872 he came to Iowa and resumed farming on a place eight miles north of Pella in Marion county, where he continued for eighteen years, then taking up his home with his son in Denison. He passed away January 17, 1895, at the age of eighty-three years. The beloved wife and mother died two days after the death of her husband as the result of an accident. They were both members originally of the Reformed church but in Denison were identified with the German Methodist church. Mr. Helsley was a member of the regular army in Switzerland. The paternal grandfather of our subject, John Helsley, was a hotelkeeper and the maternal grandfather, John Balsiger, was a judge of the appellate court and a very prominent man in Switzerland. There were the following children in his family, namely: Susan, who married a Mr. Montandon; Marie, the mother of our subject; John; and Ferdinand. There were seven children in the family of John and Marie Helsley, three of whom are now living: Emma, the wife of Henry Boschen, of Toronto, Kansas; Lina, now Mrs. John Schofield, of Gardina, a suburb of Los Angeles, California; and Albert, our subject.

Reared until nine years of age in Morgan county, Illinois, Albert Helsley grew to manhood in the state of Iowa. He received his early education in the public schools of Jacksonville and Bloomington, Illinois, and later pursued higher branches at Mount Pleasant University of Iowa, gaining an excellent foundation

for a useful and successful career. In January, 1890, he took up his residence in Denison and entered the employment of J. P. Miller as bookkeeper, in which position he continued for one year. Later, having gained a practical knowledge of the abstract business he was made abstractor in the real estate office of George Naeve and when Mr. Naeve became connected with the Crawford County Bank Mr. Helsley assumed the abstract work of that institution, in which position he still continues. As he understands his specialty thoroughly he is regarded as an authority in this line in Crawford county.

In June, 1892, Mr. Helsley was united in marriage to Miss Susie L. Whaley, a native of Crawford county, whose parents were among the early settlers of this county. Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Helsley: Charles W., Marie, John A., Martha, Helen and Grace.

Mr. Helsley gives his allegiance to the German Methodist church, while his wife is identified with the English Methodist church. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is an active supporter of the republican party and served with general acceptance for six years as member of the city council and also for an equal length of time as member of the school board. He has been identified with the development of Denison for twenty years past and has shown an enterprise and ability and an integrity of character that have made his name favorably known throughout a wide region in this part of the state. In both public and private affairs he has exercised sound judgment and good discrimination and he deserves the confidence in which he is held by all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### W. H. SCHULTZ, M. D.

Among the well known residents of Schleswig is Dr. W. H. Schultz, who for the past decade has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Crawford county. He is a native son of this county, his birth having occurred on the 16th of June, 1877, and is the sixth in a family of fourteen children, his parents being August and Hattie (Fink) Schultz. The other children are as follows: Herman F., of Hanover township, this county; Emma, the wife of August Rasch, of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Eda, who married Edward Ebert, of Hanover township; Otto, a resident of Charter Oak; Fred, living in Hanover township; Carl, also a resident of Hanover township; Louis, who resides in Morgan township; Matilda, the wife of William Nemitz, of Ricketts; August, living in Schleswig; Adelheid, who married Hugo Wiegand, of Bronson, Iowa; Minnie, the wife of William Martin, of Manning; Ernest, a resident of Hanover township; and the fourteenth who died in infancy.

Dr. Schultz remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of thirteen years, attending the common schools of Crawford county. After graduating from the public school at Denison he taught for one year in Hanover township, but, having chosen as his life vocation the profession of medicine, he then matriculated at Rush Medical College at Chicago. He was awarded his



degree with the class of 1900 and immediately thereafter became an interne in St. Joseph's Hospital, with which institution he was identified for one and one-half years. At the expiration of that period he felt that he was fully qualified to undertake the responsibilities of an independent practice and so returned to Schleswig, where he opened an office. He has been quite successful, having built up a good practice which is constantly increasing not only in Schleswig but in the surrounding country. He has the personality, keen perception and confidence in himself and his methods of treatment which are essential to inspire in others that belief in his powers needful for the acquirement of results. He is a progressive man and is constantly studying along those lines which the members of his profession are finding so engrossing at the present and is doing all in his power to advance the science of medicine.

On the 2d of June, 1905, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Schultz and Miss Lillian Hollander, a daughter of the late Asmus and Minnie (Henricks) Hollander. Mrs. Schultz is the eldest of the three children born to them, the others being: Roma, the wife of Paul Jepsen, of Schleswig, and Magnus, who is also a resident of Schleswig. Mrs. Hollander married for her second husband Hans Schmidt and by that union became the mother of five children, who are as follows: Arlo, Loretta, Earnest, Cryremus and Jeannette, all of Schleswig. Dr. and Mrs. Schultz have become the parents of one child, Shirley Valentine, a very interesting boy, who is now in his fourth year.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Schultz are affiliated with the Lutheran church and they are also members of the Royal Neighbors, the ladies' auxiliary of the Modern Woodmen, with which he is also identified. They live in a very pleasant home. Their residence, which is the finest in the town, is situated on a quarter of an acre of ground and is provided with every modern convenience and appointment, even a private sewerage system.

Dr. Schultz gives his political support to the republican party, and although he does not actively participate in public affairs, his practice absorbing the greater part of his time, he meets the demands of good citizenship by being at the polls on election day and casting his vote for the candidates of his party. Both he and Mrs. Schultz are very popular in the social circles of their town and the hospitality of their home is most graciously extended to their many friends.

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#### GEORGE H. BOECK.

George H. Boeck, one of the enterprising and energetic young agriculturists of Crawford county, is engaged in farming on one hundred and seventy-six acres of land on section 4, Nishnabotny township. His birth occurred in Davenport, Iowa, on the 10th of April, 1881, his father being Henry Boeck, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this work. He attended the public schools of Davenport in the acquirement of an education, being graduated therefrom in 1895. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his time and energies throughout his entire business career and his attention is now given to the further cul-

tivation and improvement of a farm of one hundred and seventy-six acres on section 4, Nishnabotny township, Crawford county, belonging to his father.

On the 11th of March, 1903, Mr. Boeck was united in marriage to Miss Ella Reimers, a daughter of P. A. and Catherine Reimers, of Davenport. Their union has been blessed with one child, Mildren Evelyn.

Mr. Boeck is a staunch republican in politics and has ably served in the capacity of township trustee for four years. He is a third degree Mason and belongs to the lodge at Manilla, Iowa. As a substantial agriculturist and esteemed citizen of Crawford county he well deserves mention in this volume.

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### WILLIAM JOHN SCRIVER.

William John Scriver, the manager of the Stewart Lumber Company of Denison, has been actively and successfully identified with the lumber business here for the past twenty-seven years. His birth occurred in the village of Lacolle, county of St. Johns, province of Quebec, Canada, on the 2d of November, 1849, his parents being Edwin and Susan (Quest) Scriver, who were natives of Canada and England respectively. His parental great-grandfather was William Scriver, a Hollander. William Scriver, the grandfather of our subject, was born near Poughkeepsie, New York, and followed blacksmithing in early manhood but later took up farming. He removed to Canada when a young man and passed away in that country at the age of ninety-three years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ann Pearson, was past sixty when called to her final rest. Their children were three in number, namely: Edwin, Edward, and Mary Ann, the wife of W. R. Van Vliet, of Stevensville, Montana. The maternal grandfather of William John Scriver was a native of England and emigrated to Canada, where he died of cholera. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: John, Robert, Harriet, Susan and Ann.

Edwin Scriver, the father of the gentleman whose name introduces this review, was reared to the work of the farm and later took up merchandising, being identified with that line of activity throughout practically the remainder of his life. His demise occurred at Lacolle in 1881, when he had attained the age of fifty-seven years, while his wife passed away in 1893 at the age of seventy-three years. Both were Methodists in religious faith. Edwin Scriver served as a volunteer soldier during the period of the Fenian raid. He was the father of seven children, as follows: William John, of this review; Frederick, who is a resident of Seattle, Washington; Ernest Albert, of Merrill, Wisconsin; Victoria Alice, the wife of Charles S. Gilbert, of Wausau, Wisconsin; Herbert Edwin, who passed away in early manhood; and a son and daughter who died in early life.

William John Scriver was reared and educated in Lacolle, Canada, and after putting aside his text-books clerked in a store for several years. In August, 1872, he crossed the border into the United States, locating in Wausau, Wisconsin, where he likewise secured a clerkship. Subsequently he became identified with lumber interests there, operating a sawmill. In 1884 he came to Denison,

Iowa, becoming a member of the lumber firm of Scriver & Company, which was afterward incorporated as the Stewart Lumber Company. In the latter concern he has held the position of manager to the present time and his excellent executive ability and sound judgment have proven potent elements in the continued growth and success of the business.

On the 5th of February, 1884, Mr. Scriver was united in marriage to Miss Hannah I. Force, who was born in Lacolle, Canada, and was a former classmate of his. Her parents, Alonzo and Caroline (Van Vliet) Force, were likewise natives of Canada. Her paternal grandfather was a Frenchman and the father of four children, namely: Alonzo, Timothy, Hiram and Elizabeth Fosburg. Traver Van Vliet, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Scriver, was a native of New York and became a plow and wagon manufacturer of Lacolle, Canada, where he conducted a foundry. He was a devoted Methodist and served as a Sunday school superintendent in Lacolle for over forty years, being absent but one Sabbath during the entire period. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: William, George, Caroline, Mary, Charles, Alice and Sarah. Alonzo and Caroline (Van Vliet) Force had seven children, namely: Emma, Edgar, Amelia, Fred, William, Hannah and Edward Albert. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Scriver were born three children, as follows: Marion Force Scriver, Stewart Alexander and Clara Ethelwyn. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 9th of May, 1906, when she had attained the age of fifty-two years.

In politics Mr. Scriver is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He belongs to Sylvan Lodge, No. 507, A. F. & A. M.; Wausau Chapter, No. 51, R. A. M.; and Council Bluffs Commandery. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. In citizenship he stands for progressiveness and substantial improvement and in all his relations with his fellowmen has shown a spirit of consideration and deference that has made him popular with his fellow townsmen.

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#### HENRY HOEFER.

Thirty years ago Henry Hoefer, now of Charter Oak, became a resident of the United States and as a farmer and land dealer he has demonstrated his business ability, being at the present time one of the prominent real-estate men of western Iowa. He is a native of Husum, Germany, born February 11, 1854, a son of Ingwer C. and Anna (Moeller) Hoefer. The father was superintendent of the poor farm during the latter part of his life and died in 1889, the mother having been called away in 1864. There were two children in their family: Agnes, the wife of Cornelius Boysen, of Germany; and Henry.

Educated in the public schools of his native land, Henry Hoefer continued in Germany until 1880 and then crossed the ocean to seek his fortune in the new world. He spent the first seven years in this country working upon a farm, after which he rented land upon his own account for four years and then bought

one hundred and sixty acres in South Dakota, subsequently becoming the owner of fourteen hundred acres, which he disposed of as opportunity permitted. He became quite successful as a dealer in land and having entirely disposed of his South Dakota property, he came to Crawford county in 1894 and opened an office at Charter Oak. He is an extensive dealer in lands in Iowa and in various other western states, and as he has a comprehensive knowledge of values and good business capacity, he has gained a gratifying measure of success in his vocation.

On the 16th of September, 1888, Mr. Hoefer was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Schmidt, who was born in Germany, July 10, 1868, a daughter of Peter and Katrina (Nissen) Schmidt. There were four children in their family: Katrina, who became the wife of Fred Ahff, of Paullina, Iowa; Anna M. and Margaret, twins, the former of whom married Henry Hoefer, and the latter the deceased wife of Thomas Munster; and Peter, of Woodbury county, Iowa. The father of these children died in Germany in 1878 and the mother was later married to Christ A. Hendricksen. After their marriage they came to America and in 1886 settled in Crawford county. Mr. Hendricksen opened a feed store at Ute, in which business he has ever since continued. The mother was called from earthly scenes in 1895. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hendricksen: Lena, the wife of Julius Clausen, of Monona county, Iowa; Christina, who married Herman Sievers, of South Dakota; Henry, also of South Dakota; Mary, the wife of John Holstine, of Paullina, Iowa; and Christ, of Monona county. Four children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hoefer: Katrina, who was born February 18, 1889, and died in infancy; Christ P., who was born June 29, 1891, and is living at home; Otto J., born March 13, 1892, who graduated from the high school and is now living at home; and Frank H., born August 15, 1893.

Politically Mr. Hoefer is in hearty sympathy with the platform of the democratic party and by his vote and personal influence assists in supporting the party of his choice. Religiously he and his estimable wife affiliate with the German Lutheran church, in which faith they reared their children. A patriotic and progressive citizen, he always aims to keep abreast of the times. He is well informed as to the progress of events in the state and country and as an intelligent business man, who has demonstrated his ability, he is highly respected by a constantly growing circle of friends and acquaintances.



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